

Calderwood Chronicle

Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the point in the year when we are opening advent calendars and welcoming mischievous elves into our homes - we hear all about what these elves get up to!

Although our celebrations will be very different this year at Calderwood, we have worked hard to come up with a plan for December that will make the run up to the Christmas break fun for us all, whilst still working within all the guidance we must adhere to in order to keep our community safe.

To help us make this time as fun and *safe* as possible for everyone, please stay vigilant to the symptoms of Covid-19 and ensure you are following all guidelines around testing and self-isolation. We really appreciate your support with this.

I am sorry that we won't be welcoming you into school this December for our wonderful Christmas concerts, but hopefully there will still be plenty to keep everyone in good cheer as we celebrate a very different festive season.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes 

Nut Free Zone

Please remember that Calderwood Primary School is a Nut-Free Zone. Please do not send your child into school with nuts or with snacks that contain nuts (such as Nutella), as we have a number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support with this matter.

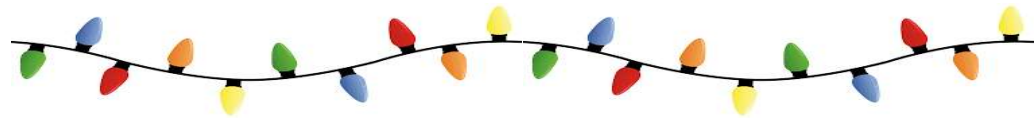


Room 11 Kindness Ambassadors



As we all know, kindness is one of our key values at Calderwood. Our Room 11 Kindness Ambassadors have been spreading joy throughout the school this week with little acts of kindness, showing how kind words and small actions can have a huge impact on someone's day.

They also led an amazing assembly for us this afternoon. This will be shared with parents and carers through Google Classroom. Thank you, Room 11!



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Christmas at Calderwood

12 Days of Christmas

Our Calderwood 12 Days of Christmas starts on Monday. Every day we will have a whole-school theme, with lots of fun for everyone. Our mornings will be running as usual, with fun and games in the afternoon. From arts and crafts, to a virtual pantomime, we will be counting down the days until the Christmas break in style. Please keep an eye on our Twitter account for photographs and updates.



Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch this year will be on Wednesday 16th December. If you haven't returned your child's order form, please do so as soon as possible.



Homework

As we enter the busy month of December, the regular provision of homework will be paused until January. Some classes may still get phonics or reading activities home.



Christmas Cards

The delivery of our pupil-designed Christmas cards has been delayed because the Print Room are waiting on a delivery of envelopes. We are expecting them to arrive early next week, and will send them home as soon as they arrive with us.



Christmas Post

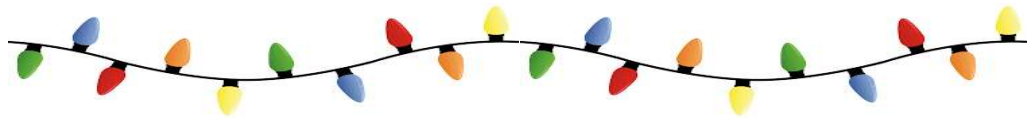
Please remember that pupils may bring in Christmas cards Tuesday to Friday and post them in one of our post-boxes – there is one upstairs and one downstairs. Room 1 and Room 10 will sort and distribute the cards every Monday afternoon. The last day for posting is Friday 18th December. Cards should not be handed out without being posted.



Christmas Jumper Day



We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. Pupils can come to school dressed down in casual clothes - please do not buy a Christmas jumper just for this day. A donation can be made to Save the Children through ParentPay if you wish.



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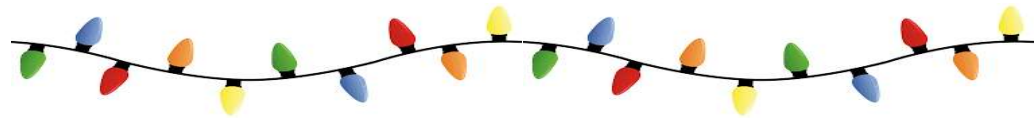
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Christmas Doors

One of the first challenges our classes have undertaken is decorating their classroom doors for Christmas.

Here are some of their fabulous efforts so far...



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Achievements

Well done to Roddy in Primary 5, who has now completed his participation in Covid-19 antibiotics research. He has given blood 3 times and provided a mouth swab over the past 6 months. His last session was last Sunday and, although nervous, he was incredibly brave. Well done, Roddy, what an amazing achievement!



Eco Uniform

Please remember that we are still running our Eco-Uniform initiative this session. I have attached a flyer and order form to this newsletter. If you need anything at all, please complete the form and send it into school, or email one of the Senior Leadership Team.



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