

UDNY GREEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 3 – December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is fast approaching and what a busy term this has been! So much has already happened, but there is still so much to look forward to.

Community Cafés



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Community Cafés this term. We look forward to welcoming you back to join us for a freshly baked cake and a cuppa early next year.



Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Literacy Afternoon and Book Fayre. We raised a staggering £267 in commission for us to purchase new books for the library - so again "Thank You"!

Lunchtime Clubs

The pupils have really enjoyed their lunchtime clubs, and next term we will continue to run choir on a Monday.



Udny Community Trust Christmas Fayre

This was a huge success and our Choir performed beautifully! The pupils really are a credit to Udny Green School.

Udny Green Parent Council Christmas Fayre



Thank you to everyone who came along to help and support our Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of our families attend.

Christmas Enterprise



We still have some of the items that each class made, so if you would like to purchase anything please get in touch with the school office.

Handmade Scrabble Tree Decorations - £2 each
Wood Slice Decorations - £1.50 to £2.50 each
Sweet Sleighs - £2.50 each

Nativity



Thank you so much to all those who attended our school nativity performances. It was lovely to see such a great turn out. Thank you all for your kind donations.

P1-3 Walk-Through Nativity



The P1-3 pupils enjoyed experiencing the walk-through nativity at Pitmedden church. Many thanks to the Reverend Swindells for having us.

Christmas Party



This year's Christmas Party will be on **Monday 18th December** in the village hall. Pupils are welcome to take their party to clothes to change into after lunch. Pupils will return to school after the party to be collected as normal.

Panto Time - Aberdeen Arts Centre



On **Wednesday 20th December** we'll be heading to the Arts Centre to see Rapunzel. All pupils will be given an ice cream as their snack and will return to school at approximately 1pm for a late lunch. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them to school as this will be taken on the trip.

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Christmas Holidays



As previously advised, some clusters have an occasional day holiday at the end of this term and will finish on Thursday 21st December. However, the Meldrum cluster have not done this, and we will not break up until **Friday 22nd December**. All pupils and staff will return to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Term 3

Information on school events will be issued in due course, however here's a brief note of what there is to look forward to!



Burns Day Celebrations



On Thursday 25th January Robert Burns' Day celebrations and competitions will take place in school this will be followed by a celebration assembly on Friday 2nd February for Parents and the community.

Community Café

Next term P1/2 will host the February Café and P5/6/7 will host the March Café. Look out for the confirmed dates of these in the new year.



Rugby Taster sessions



Our P5-7 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in taster rugby sessions as part of their PE on Mondays during March.

Term 3 Forest School's Events

Next term instead of weekly forest school's sessions the pupils will enjoy Forest School's events. These will include:



Burns Day Celebration
Random Acts of Kindness Week
World Wildlife Day

Please see the dates below and ensure that you child has suitable clothing on those days.

P1 Registration

Monday 15th to Friday 19th January 2024



If your child's fifth birthday is between 1st March 2024 and 28th February 2025, you can register them in January 2024 to start attending school in August 2024. The link to the online form will only be made available during the registration period on the [Register for Primary One](#) page. If you miss the deadline you can register on the [Apply for a School Place](#) page and scroll to 'online form'. Parents/carers will be asked to email supporting documents such as a child's birth certificate and recent utility bill as proof of address or alternatively take them into the school office on one of the transition days.

Please share this information with anyone interested in sending their child to Udney Green School.

Mid-Term Holiday/In-Service Days



School will be closed to all pupils and staff on Friday 9th and Monday 12th February for the Mid-Term Holidays. School will remain closed to pupils on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February as staff undertake In-Service Day training. School will re-open to pupils on Thursday 15th February.

End of Term 3

School will close at 3.15 pm to all staff and pupils on Thursday 28th March for the Spring Holidays and re-open to all on Monday 15th April.



On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Udney Green School I would like to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and very best wishes for 2024!

Heather McPike
Acting Head Teacher

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REMINDERS

Allergy Advice

Can we please remind all parents that Udhay Green School is a **nut free school**. It is important that no child takes nuts, or food items containing nuts, to school as the airborne particles can cause severe reactions.

Homework

Homework will continue to be issued in homework jotters and should be completed weekly. Activities can be completed in the jotter or photographs of activities can be taken and submitted through Learning Journals. Please remember to return homework jotters and reading books to school each week on the day advised by class teachers.

Appropriate Outdoor Clothing

With winter fast approaching, can we please ask that all pupils have a waterproof jacket with them every day. We would also ask that pupils have hats, gloves and scarfs as well as suitable outdoor footwear.

Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes

All children should have an indoor pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school, after breaks and for PE. We would recommend that all pupils have a change of clothes, including waterproof jacket for outdoor learning.

School Uniform/Pre-loved Uniform Rail

New school uniform can be purchased from either of our suppliers:

[Pomprint](#)

[Buchan Embroidery](#)

Preloved school uniform will be available to look through and take what you need at the next Community Cafe on Thursday 23rd November, however if you require anything prior to this date please feel free to complete the online form - [School Uniform Shop](#).

Please ensure all school uniform, PE kits and water bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE Kit

All pupils will require to have a PE kit in school as we will continue to provide two weekly sessions of PE for each class.

PE kits should contain:

- Shorts, jogging bottoms/leggings
- T-shirts and sweatshirt for outdoors
- Socks (tights should not be worn)
- Appropriate footwear - gym shoes for indoors and trainers for outdoors
- All pupils with long hair should have a bobble to tie up their hair
- No jewellery - if earrings cannot be removed, they must be taped.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly marked with their name. These can be topped up at the water fountain throughout the school day.

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Dates for the Diary: Udney Green School Closures 2023/24

2023 - Term 2	
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Carols/Nativity - 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day P1-3 Walk-Through Nativity
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party at the Village Hall
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School Trip to Panto
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2024 - Term 3	
Monday 8 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th January	P1 Registration
Thursday 25 th January	Forest Schools Event - Burns Day Celebrations
Friday 9 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 12 th February	School Closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 th February	In-Service Day - school closed to pupils
Monday 19 th February	Forest Schools Event - Random Acts of Kindness Week
Monday 4 th March	Forest Schools Event - World Wildlife Day
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Spring Holidays
2024 - Term 4	
Monday 15 th April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - May Day Holiday
Monday 3 rd June	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Friday 5 th July	School closes for Summer Holidays

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