

Christmas Newsletter 2017



## Barkisland School Association

### Barkisland Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 25 November 1pm until 4pm

There will be a very special visit from a VIP to Barkisland Church. Father Christmas will be in his grotto helped by our very own BSA Elves who have been very busy preparing gifts for the children who come to see him: providing they are not in his naughty book of course! Price £1.50

### Christmas Movie Matinée

Sunday 3rd December 12.30pm until 2.45pm

Following the toy service why not drop the children off at school for the annual film matinee? The film this year is The Polar Express. It's the perfect time for you to get started with the Christmas preparations, whilst the children are entertained. The price is £5, which also includes lunch treats and a little gift for them to take home. For an extra snuggle, the children can bring along a cushion and a blanket.

### Winter Shopping & Wreath Making Evening

at school on Thursday 30 November 7pm - 9pm

Come along for an evening of shopping, beauty, fashion and food. An opportunity to peruse what some of our local independent shops have to offer all under one roof. Free entry

Kingfisher Flowers will also be there with their wreath making workshop, teaching you how to make your own beautiful wreath. Price is £25pp which includes materials, a drink and nibbles. Numbers are limited, so please contact Keri 07980 114558 to reserve your place asap

### BSA Elves' Craft Sales

These wee chappies are so very busy, not only helping & organising Santa, but making fabulous, quality gifts and decorations for you to buy. Look out for them on sale at the Winter Shopping evening, after the Christmas performances and our playground sales after school.

### **Grown-ups DO NOT READ this bit it's for kids only!**

Ssssh! Secret Santa Friday 15th December. Some of the elves have branched out and have been doing a bit of work on the side just for you. They have got some wicked presents for you to buy in secret for your family even for the cat and dog! You will have time to browse in school time just don't tell Mrs Schofield! What's more all the presents are wrapped for you, you just have to write the label. Prices are £3 for 1 gift or £5 for 2

### Dates for your diary

Running Track Working Party Meeting at school Friday 24th November 2pm

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Christmas Matinée Sutton Hall Sunday 3 December 1230pm - 2.30pm

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Get this date in your diary The Barkisland School Association Charity Ball Saturday 12 May 2018

### Christmas Performances

KS1 6 Dec. 2.15pm 7 Dec. 2.15pm & 5pm

KS2 13 Dec. 2.15pm & 6pm 14 Dec. 6pm

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Blow away those festive blues and kick start 2018 with Barkisland's Race for a Laugh charity event, New Year's Day. Enter a 5km or a 1 mile route, or perhaps have some of delicious food whilst you wait in the warmth for your slightly bankers family or friends to do their stuff; it's something for the whole family can enjoy.

Maintaining our close links with the community, all monies raised will be split between Barkisland Old People's Welfare, and our School's latest project to do some much needed work to our school field.

Come along and brave the horizontal wind and rain of Barkisland, whilst having fun and raising money. Registration opens from 1130: 5km - £5, children (who must be accompanied) £3: 1 mile loop £3 & £2. Family entries available. The run, amble, push, hobble start is 1pm, free bun and brew to all entries. Facebook Race for a Laugh or contact (texts only) 07792 113953 (Jude) or 07740 670560 (Keri). What better way to start the New Year?

If running or walking isn't your thing but would like to support and help us, please contact either of the numbers above. Any help would be very welcome and much appreciated.

As you are aware we in the process of raising funds to install an all-weather running track on the school field. The aim of this is so that our children can have more space to play in all weathers, they are able to participate in more physical activities each day, it will support curricular PE and extra-curricular activities. Staff have followed with great interest the 1 mile a day initiative across the nation, they are keen for our children to also undertake this activity. Not only is this in line with supporting the Government's plan to reduce childhood obesity, but evidence suggests, albeit anecdotal at the moment, has shown children's concentration, fitness and behaviour have improved significantly. Don't take our word for it go to: [www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/28/daily-mile-school-st-ninians-stirling-scotland](http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/28/daily-mile-school-st-ninians-stirling-scotland) and read it for yourselves. However, it's virtually impossible carry this out at the moment given the state of the field, hence the reason for taking on this huge project. Your support is crucial in making it happen.

We are already on the way to making this project a reality. We anticipate that the track will be either 200m or 250m long, which will hug the perimeter of the school field; the size will be funding dependant. We have already received some very generous sponsorships from local businesses, but we are still hoping to secure some more. We are also looking for people to buy a metre of the track. So far we have raised £2.5k from local businesses, and £500 from individuals who have bought a metre. We have a little way to go, but it is achievable. A flyer for this was sent home a few weeks ago, however, if you would like to donate/sponsor please contact the school office, or call Keri 07980 114558

There is a working party meeting on Friday 24th November 2pm at school, please do come along to discuss ideas for fundraising etc. If you are unable to make it but would like to know more, again please contact the office or Keri.