

## December Bulletin 2015



Wow! December is upon us, and all of a sudden it's feeling very Christmassy in school, with our decorations up and the sounds of Christmas rehearsals well underway!

As you received December arrangements as an attachment to last month's bulletin, this month our communication will be somewhat shorter.

### **Performance Tickets**

Tickets for the various school shows will be sent home over the next few days. Please note that doors will open 15 minutes prior to each performance. (Remember to bring your tickets.)

### **P4 - P7 Evening Performance 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

Pupils should arrive at school at 6.45 to allow time for changing etc. If you are not attending the evening performance, please come back to school to collect your child from the hall at the end of the performance. We will notify you of a time, once we've had a full run through.

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair was very well supported and raised around £2300. Many thanks to all who helped out and supported the event. There were lots of comments about the lovely atmosphere and the creative range of activities on offer. Also thanks to staff and pupils who did a first class job in decorating the hall in preparation for the fair. Our school is looking particularly wonderful at the moment.

### **Care Inspectorate (Nursery)**

We had an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate in the middle of November and expect the report to be published soon. Thank you to parents for completing and returning their questionnaires. I look forward to communicating the Care Inspectorate's findings to you in due course.

### **Children In Need**

Well done to all our Superheroes who helped contribute £300 towards Children in Need. Thanks to Angela and her team for the Pudsey biscuits too.

### **Increase in Nursery Hours**

At the recent Parent Council meeting, the subject of increasing nursery hours from 600 to 1200 hours was discussed and the potential impact that this will have on existing places. At this point in time, I have little information to share regarding this, apart from offering reassurance that this will not be put into place anytime soon, (and certainly not by next session) as there is still much detail to be worked out.

In the meantime, I have recently attended a meeting with the property department and our business support officer to go over plans for a new nursery extension,

increasing our capacity from 40 - 60 places. Again, there are no definite timescales for this but I will keep you posted as things progress.

### **Nursery and P1 Enrolment**

We have not yet received any information regarding Nursery or P1 enrolment for next session. Further information will be communicated in due course.

### **ALEC Caravan**

We are looking forward to having the **Aberdeenshire Lifestyle Education Centre** caravan visiting us from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December. All classes (including nursery) will visit the caravan to learn about aspects of healthy lifestyles. You should have received a separate invitation for parents already.

### **Snow Activities**

We're hoping that the school won't have to close due to adverse weather this winter. Staff however, will post some snow activities on the school website for children to complete at home on "snow days". We understand that some families take advantage of the snow to build snowmen, sledge, ski, bake etc and they may want to engage in different forms of learning.

<http://kemnay-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

### **P5 Decoration Exchange Project**

Our P5 class has taken part in a project where they have sent information about Christmas in Kemnay and a hand-made decoration to 30 schools across Europe. Every day, a different decoration is arriving from a variety of countries, along with recipes, photos information etc. These are displayed at the entrance of the school. Please take some time to have a look at these when you're in school over the next few weeks.

### **After School Extra Curricular Clubs**

Please note, the last date for after school based extra -curricular clubs will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. School based clubs will resume on the second week back in the New Year.

### **Bring a Cushion to School Week**

We understand that many of the children become over tired and over excited in the lead up to Christmas and that things become a "bit too much" for them with all the rehearsals, parties, shows, sniffles etc. With this in mind, we allow children to have quiet rest time with a DVD in the gym hall over lunchtime if they prefer. This will be on offer from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Anyone who wishes to wear their Christmas jumper on the last day of term may do so. Our church collection is in aid of the Perthes Association. One of our youngsters Aidan Kirkland (P2) has been diagnosed as having Perthes. Donations are used to help raise awareness and fund research into Perthes.

### **Christmas Post Boxes**

The Christmas Post boxes are now up in the hall for the children to post their Christmas cards to friends. We discourage handing out of Christmas cards in the playground as this invariably leads to litter when envelopes blow away. P3 act as posties who sort and deliver the mail.

### **Afternoon Parties**

Where preferred, the children may go home at lunchtime on the day of their party to change into their "finery". (There will be an opportunity for those unable to go home to change after lunchtime.) There will be a short interval at all the parties when the children will return to classrooms for refreshments.

Please send a donation of £1.00 (for each of your children) to cover the cost of juice and food for the party.

For morning parties, pupils may change back into their school clothes afterwards if they want to keep their party clothes clean.

### **New Library Recruit Required**

We have a vacancy for a library helper on Tuesday mornings. Are you able to help? Please contact the school if you can. In the meantime, many thanks to Mrs Smart who leaves our library helper team to take up a new job. Congratulations!

### **Outerwear**

As the weather is turning colder, we appreciate you sending your children to school wearing appropriate outerwear (coats, gloves, hats, boots etc).

### **Lovely Comments**

The children have received lots of lovely comments about their behaviour, good manners and enthusiasm over the last few weeks from visitors to school who have also said how much they enjoyed working with us. Well done everyone!

Yours sincerely,

*Audrey Gregor*

Head Teacher

### **Diary Dates**

As previously communicated

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Last day of term

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 1<sup>st</sup> day back to school

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I have received December Bulletin 2015 and noted its contents.  
Comments/Compliments/Concerns

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_