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Well the last week of school is finally here and we are looking forward to the class parties this week. It has, as always, been a very busy but successful term for all our classes. Our P7 class have been involved with this as part of their enterprise project this term. Interestingly all the classes want to play traditional party games - so that is what will be happening! I'm sure all the children will enjoy themselves. A small snack will be provided and through careful research, we have tried to make sure that all children with allergies will have something they can eat - fruit will also be available!

## Staffing

After the Christmas holidays I will be starting a secondment with Education Scotland as an Attainment Advisor. This is a very exciting new post where I will be supporting some schools which have a significant number of families who are living in deprivation. The aim is to ensure that all children, regardless of their home address, are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential. This post may be for 23 months. In the interim, Mrs Walker will be acting up as Head Teacher until the authority have completed interviews. I am extremely sad to leave all the children and families at this time, but I'm sure I will not be a stranger to the school and will look forward to hearing updates of how everyone is getting on.

## Christmas Performances

I must say that once again, the children across the school were all stars in their shows. The Early Learning classes to P2 were wonderful in the Wriggly Nativity. The songs were very infectious and it was great that all the children had such big parts to play.

Our P3 - 7 children again excelled in their Panto Pandemonium, really understanding the humour of a panto. I thought that it was great to hear Primary School children singing in 4 part harmonies - I have never heard that before!

I have also received a number of letters of thanks from our local senior citizens - thanking us following their show on Thursday afternoon. They really entered into the spirit of a panto (Oh no they didn't..... Oh yes they did!) I have included some of the photos in the next two pages of this newsletter.

Our P3 - 7 production - Panto Pandemonium



Some photos of our Early Learning class - P2 production Wiggly Nativity



## **Christmas Lunch**

Our lunch on Friday was once again a great success. It was lovely to see so many children in their Christmas jumpers, ready to join in the fun. Crackers were pulled and party crowns were worn for lunch! All the children are served their lunches by staff, and enjoyed singing along to the videos of our school shows. At the end of lunch our P7 class continued the tradition of singing a thank you to Louise Johnstone and her staff in the kitchen for the marvellous lunch!

### **Party dates**

Tuesday 15 December	P5-7 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 December	P2 - 4 Christmas Party P5 class singing at Woodend Hospital
Thursday 17 December	Early Learning Classes and P1 Christmas Party
Friday 18 December	Carol Service at 9.30am in Summerhill Parish Church

## **Parent Council**

The Christmas Fair was once again a very busy evening. I'm delighted to say that all the school enterprise stalls made a profit. But more importantly, there were many significant lessons learned about how to price items for selling. Our P7 class who had been working alongside the "Silver City Surfers" will be selling some of their Christmas decorations at the Tesco Store at Woodend on Saturday 19 December between 10.00 and 11.00.

Lynn Bruce from the Parent Council reports that:

"The grand total raised from the fair was an amazing £1,397.84. This is almost double the amount raised from our previous fairs. We were also delighted with the amount of donations towards our homebake stall. A huge amount of £288.77 was raised".

## **Carol Service**

To get us all in the Festive mood, we will all be heading across to Summerhill Church on the last morning of term to celebrate Christmas with some readings, carols and our P1 children will be acting out the nativity story. If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome. We will start once all the children are seated at around 9.30 a.m..

**Dates for 2016 were in the last newsletter which you can find on our website.**

**Please observe these dates as holidays outwith term times are almost always classed as unauthorised.**