



## Dear Parents/Carers



Very positive verbal feedback was received on Friday morning from the unannounced Care Inspectorate Visit which took place on Monday afternoon of last week.

Many areas of strength were highlighted and I can share with you that the Nursery received evaluations of Very Good, both for Care and Support and Leadership and Management.

It is always affirming to receive praise on the work that the pupils, parents / carers and staff are involved in. Very well done to all of our team, Mrs Mackay, Mrs Roxburgh, Mrs Mc Cracken and Mrs Angus.

We will receive the draft report shortly and will be able to share the final report when it is published.

Many thanks to the parents who completed the questionnaires in June. These were very helpful and formed the basis of the inspection.



## Cinema Trip

Children can wear Christmas accessories that day, and bring a snack and a drink (in a plastic bottle or carton)

A big thank-you to the Parent Council who very kindly are funding the transport costs and cost of the ticket for those in receipt of benefits. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.



## Pupil Achievements

Just a note to say Lorcan (P5b) has just passed his grade 1 piano exam with ABRSM. Delighted for him, What a great achievement. Well done, Lorcan!

## Play in a Pod- Play Ranger Date Smart Play Network workshops

These take place on Thursday of this week. Groups of pupils, from Nursery to P7 will participate in workshops throughout the day. The large container, which is in the playground, will be decorated, by a graffiti artist with ideas from the children, in early January. Everyone is looking forward to being creative with the new materials in the New Year.

## P7 Enterprise



P7 A and B will be hosting their own Christmas Fair, as an enterprise project this Friday after break in the P7 huts. All the arts and crafts have been made by the pupils and are

available to buy.

## Christmas shows and concerts

Next week on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm - Our P1 Nativity will take place and on Thursday evening, the Choir Panto will take place at 6pm. All welcome.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, our violinists in P5-7 and cellists in P7 will perform in the Annual Area Concert at the new Portobello High School at 5pm. Looking forward to seeing many parents there..



### Advent Food Bank

Many thanks for all of the families who have donated to the Food bank so far. There is still time...

Our Advent celebration will take place in school for pupils, at 9.15am on Friday morning.



Primary 3 pupils will prepare the celebration, which will be led by Fr Jock. It would be ideal if every pupil could bring in one item on that day, if not already done so. A small tin, or packet is ideal.

### Parent Council Roller Disco

A big thank you to, Julie O' Hanlon ,Sharon Mc Leay and their team , who organised the Roller Disco for the pupils. A real triumph! Thank you so much for organising a new venture for the boys and girls.



Carol Singing  
Primary 4 boys and girls

are very busy carolling in Portobello this week. Real festive cheer for the senior citizens in the Portobello Churches.

### Website and Twitter accounts

Please keep checking for information.



### **Winter viruses**

Another reminder to parents that in recent years the City of Edinburgh Council has experience

many cases of Norovirus within its schools. There are preventative measures which parents can support us with. Thorough hand washing is the simplest and most important infection control measure.

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. Should your child have an attack of vomiting/diarrhoea they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

In the most extreme cases, schools have had to be closed and major events cancelled. Please help us with hygiene in our school.

### **Christmas Parties**

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P7 party ( AM)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Party (AM) P3 Party (PM)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 Party (AM) P2 Party (PM)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> December	P4 Party (AM) P1 Party (PM)
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School & Nursery Carol Party Term ends -12.00noon for pupils



### **December Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthdays in December.

*Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.*



*Ms. Barbara A Service*