

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are into December already. If you are like me you haven't even bought the Christmas cards never mind written any.

The children are all very busy with singing and acting in preparation for our shows. I hope you will see the fruits of their labour in the week after next.

Our District School Inspector called in to see me today on a pastoral visit and was pleased to hear that everyone is working so well together and that the children are really busy preparing for Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Principal

### **Pupil of the Week**

The children who were given pupil of the week certificates on Monday of this week were as follows:-

P1 - Billy Caldwell

P2 - Maddie Rankin

P3 - Caleb Holmes

P4 - Sophie Lowry

P5 - Mia Peoples

P6 - Macey Barnett

P7 - Dylan Coyle

Well done to all of the above children and also well done to those who have come up to me to get a Headteacher sticker for 25 stars on their cards this week. I am very proud of you all.

### **School Council**

We held a P4-P7 school council meeting this week. My thanks to Mr Fleming for being the teacher leader for this meeting. Our discussions centred around ideas for lunchtime play. The children had some fantastic ideas and we agreed on ways to improve the lunchtime experiences for all. We need to gather some equipment and meet with the dinner ladies so that all are involved. The children (Miley, Bobby, Luke, Grace, Sarah, Lucas, Billy and Harley) are now going to report back to their classes the outcome of our discussions. Thank you boys and girls, you were great

Next week we will have a discussion with our P1-P3 school council members.

### **P6 and P7 Robotics Workshops**

The P6 and P7 children had great fun in the hall on Tuesday. It wonderful to see all the children programming cars to move along set tracks on the floor. Our thanks to Joanne for bringing along all the equipment and sharing her expertise with the P6 and P7 children.

### **Open Day at the Nursery**

Everyone who has pre-school children who will be ready for Nursery in September 2018 is welcome to come and visit the Nursery on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 1pm and 2 pm. Application forms can be accessed from Mrs Bredin in the office. The closing date for applications is the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Nursery Christmas Concert**

This will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am. Everyone is welcome.

### **School Photographs**

Please note the deadline for photographs and accompanying money is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. After this date anyone wishing to order photographs will have to send their orders directly to Tempest.

### **VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)**

We are really excited in school as all classes are preparing maths videos for the school website. The children are making these videos on the iPads to explain different types of Maths they are learning in class, as a way of reinforcing what they are learning as well as showing parents how they are learning. Mr Flemming has prepared a survey (there is a link on the school website) asking parents to let us know what they think. Please visit the website, watch the videos the children have been making and complete the survey at [www.newbuildingsps.co.uk](http://www.newbuildingsps.co.uk).

### **KS2 Pantomime**

The KS2 Pantomime this year is 'The Snow Queen'. It will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm). Tickets priced at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children will go on sale next week.

### **Coffee Morning**

All parents, relatives and friends are invited to a Coffee Morning in school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am in the canteen. P7 are organising this Coffee Morning along with Adrian our chef. For £1 (minimum donation) you can get coffee (or tea) and a tray bake. All proceeds will go towards Foyle Hospice. Please come along for a coffee and support us.