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Kettins December Newsletter

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As 2019 draws to a close and in fact we prepare to begin for a new decade, it is time to celebrate successes and recognise how much has been accomplished. Pupils have progressed well through their learning in numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing and they have explored inter-disciplinary learning contexts. Through many December events, our learners have demonstrated their ability to be confident and responsible individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it arrives. May the first month of our new decade bring us energy that gives us vision, strength, awareness and wisdom to open new chapters and close old ones.

Miss Rachel Cross
Acting Headteacher

Balhousie care home

On Tuesday 3rd December, the children visited Balhousie Care home to spread some festive cheer! They sang a range of Christmas carols and their entertainment was very well received by the residents. The pupils took along Christmas cards that they had made in class and one pupil went 'above and beyond' by taking shortbread to give out to everyone; well done Duncan Hutton! This was a lovely afternoon out of school.

Snowman Drive

£150.13 was raised in total at this fantastic evening event which took place on Thursday 5th December. The turnout was super on such a cold and windy December night! It was fantastic to see parents and pupils from previous years back in the school, too. Thank you for coming along to this well attended event and for all raffle donations. The Snowman drive was won by Claire Samani. Prizes for the best drawn snowman were awarded to Isobel Conacher and Joy Howat.

Lights, Camel, Action 2! : The Sequin

A fantastic well done to all pupils who participated in this 'Out of the Arc' school production. After several rehearsals in school, the boys and girls performed at Kettins church on Thursday 12th December. Thank you to everyone who managed to come along to support the pupils. Many thanks also for the generous donations for

the Foodbank. This is such a worthwhile cause, particularly at this time of the year when families can struggle with the financial burden of Christmas.

Panto trip- Friday 13th December

Staff returned to school describing the “Oor Wullie” panto in Dundee as possibly one of the best pantomimes they had ever watched; some have already bought tickets to return with family members in the holiday! Key themes around discrimination, friendship and never giving up were cleverly threaded through a captivating performance. With front row seats, pupils sat with their eyes fixed to the stage. Behaviour was fantastic, making it a real pleasure to have all pupils out of school for this trip. If you are struggling for things to do over the Christmas break- this is a must see!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch was enjoyed on Monday 16th December. A special thank you to staff at Coupar Angus kitchen for preparing our school meals and to Carol Duthie for serving the dinners here at Kettins. The Christmas tree ice creams were a definite favourite! Yum!

Trumpet-

Well done to Jack, Lexi, Isobel and Maisie who are learning how to play the trumpet with visiting specialist teacher, Mr Gordon Seith. They are continuing to build confidence in their playing and are making good progress. Well done, keep up the hard work.

Communication- apps

Exciting news we will be officially launching our new School App in January 2020, although it can be downloaded from today! The ‘School App for Parents’ will replace our current communication channels from the school i.e. Email and Facebook. The App can only be used for communication from the school to you. If you want to contact the school, it will still be via email or by telephone. No work or photographs will be shared on the School App, Seesaw is where you can follow your child’s learning journey. The app will provide dates, events and relevant links to Parent Pay, for all payments and consents.

To allow everyone to become familiar with the App, we will continue using existing forms of communication alongside the App until Friday 31st January, after which all communication will be via the App only.

If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the items within this newsletter, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or any other staff member.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Kind Regards,



Rachel Cross,

Acting Headteacher

Diary Dates for Term Three

Monday 13 January- P7 Parent Information Evening for BHS at Coupar Angus PS

Thursday 23 January- Dental screenings P1 and P7

Wednesday 12 February- INSET Day

Thursday 13 February and Friday 14 February- Mid Term Holiday

Monday 17 February- PTA Meeting 3.30pm

Monday 23 March- Parent Contact Sessions 4- 8pm

Friday 3 April- School closes