

**Meldrum School aspires to be a vibrant and inclusive learning community where learners can realise their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment, promoting equality and fairness, with a focus on continuous improvement and developing the capacity of all to embrace lifelong learning.**



## Meldrum School Newsletter No.5 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parents

With just 23 sleeps to go until Christmas, I begin with our calendar of Christmas activities for the weeks ahead.

### Christmas Performance - 'Straw and Order'

There will be three performances of our P2 – P4 Christmas Show, 'Straw and Order':

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and 6.30pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

Tickets will be issued this week.

### P1 Christmas Singalong

Our Primary 1 children will be performing some Christmas songs for parents/carers on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm in the school gym hall.

### Christmas Parties

Details of our class Christmas parties are as follows:

Day	Time	Year Group
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	P5
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	P1
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	P6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning	P4
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon	P2
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Morning	P3
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Afternoon	P7
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Morning	Morning Nursery Classes
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Afternoon	Afternoon Nursery Classes

On their Christmas party day, children should come to school dressed in their school clothes. They can take a change of clothes and get changed at school for their party.

### Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. As well as roast turkey with all the trimmings, the other menu options for the day will be egg or tuna sandwiches and baked potato.

### Christmas Fayre

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making this year's MPip Christmas Fayre such a great success, and to all parents, family and friends for their support. The Fayre raised a total of £2319.06!

### **Rotary Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you also to everyone who filled a shoebox and returned it to school. Meldrum families contributed a total of 112 shoeboxes which will be gratefully received by children and families in Central and Eastern Europe.

### **Children in Need**

Our Dress Down Day and Children In Need tuck shop raised £613.00 for Children In Need this year. Thank you to everyone who took part and to our support staff for the tuck shop home bakes.

### **First Aid**

Last month our P5-7 children took part in First Aid Training in order to gain a nationally recognised First Aid Qualification. Children in Primary 5 completed their Level One training while P6 followed on from their work last year to complete their Level Two training. Congratulations to everyone and especially to our Primary 7 children who have all now achieved their full and final Level Three Qualification this year! Certificates will be presented to all children early in the New Year.

### **School Website**

Just a reminder that you can find lots of school information on our website. Visit <http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk> to view termly updates for each class, snow closure activities, newsletters and MPip information.

### **Water**

A reminder that if you wish your child to have a drink during class time, please provide them with a named water bottle filled with water not juice. Our Healthy Drinking Policy is available to all parents on the school website.

### **Restorative Approaches Update**

Most school staff have now had their initial Restorative Approaches training. Since the training, the senior management team, teachers and PSAs are beginning to use the new approaches when working with pupils individually, in small groups, in class groups and in Upper Stages assembly. School staff are already talking positively about their early experiences with the new approach.

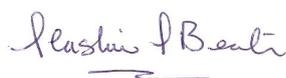
Developments for next term include:

- House Captains / Vice House Captains training followed by class information sessions
- MPip representatives training followed by further parent information sessions
- Staff involvement with Meldrum Cluster Schools to ensure consistency of approach across all cluster primaries and Meldrum Academy

### **And finally.....**

On behalf of the pupils and staff I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-open for the new term on Wednesday 6th January 2016.

Yours faithfully



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