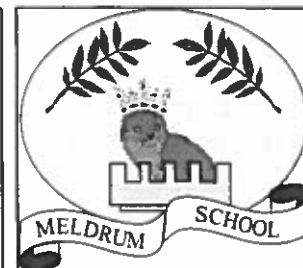


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17 January 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year and your children are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

Staffing Update

Please see statement below from Aberdeenshire Council Education and Children's Services regarding the Head Teacher post at Meldrum School;

'As parents and carers will be aware, Mr Beaton has been seconded from his post as Head Teacher to the Council's Early Years Team. In order to provide the school with stability Mr Beaton has decided not to return to his post at the end of his secondment. In line with the Council's policies his post will be taken up by Mr Ian Mitchell. Mr Mitchell is a very experienced Head Teacher, having led small, medium and large schools. His last post was as part of our Curriculum Development Team where he helped develop our very successful Curriculum Frameworks and our approach to improving learning and teaching. Last summer Mr Mitchell was asked by the authority to consider cutting short his secondment to the Curriculum Development Team to cover Head Teacher posts at Kennethmont and Drumblade Schools when both schools were without a permanent Head Teacher. Mr Mitchell is very much looking forward to working with everyone when he takes up post.'

We expect Ian Mitchell to take up post in early February. From this time, we will both revert to our substantive Depute Head Teacher posts, Hazel Fraser will return to being Principal Teacher and we would like to thank Katrina McCartney for her contribution during her time as Acting Principal Teacher.

Welcome to our new PSA, Jane Nicoll, who joined us at the start of this term and our new Early Years Practitioner, Leslie Robinson, who started with us this week. We are pleased to have interviewed and appointed a new Admin Support Assistant and the successful candidate will begin working in our school office in February.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was great to see so many Christmas jumpers last December and we are pleased to announce a total of £356 was raised for Save the Children.

Christmas Show

Thank you for all your donations at our P5-7 Christmas shows, a total of £300 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Class Termly Updates and Snow Activities

A reminder that Termly Updates for each class can be found on the school website <http://meldrum-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk> – just click on 'Classes' in the blue bar at the top of the homepage then click on your child's class. We aim to have Termly Updates posted on the website by the beginning of week three each term. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the Termly Update, please let the class teacher know. If we should have any snow days this winter, Snow Activities for each class are also available on the school website.

Celebration of Burns and Scots Poetry

In January and February, we look to celebrate the poetry of Robert Burns and that of the North East of Scotland, a major part of this being the children's participation in the Burns Federation Poetry Recitation Competition. This is a marvellous opportunity for the children to experience the literary culture of Scotland and the North East. We hope that you will enjoy helping your child practise their choice of poem over the coming weeks.

Burns Lunch

Our Burns lunch this year will be on Wednesday 25th January when the planned Roast Chicken and Mealie option will be replaced by Haggis, Neeps and Tatties.

Meldrum Crèche

Just a reminder that Meldrum Crèche operates in our dining hall Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.25am, for 0-5 year olds. The 2 hour sessions need to be pre booked and paid for in advance at a cost of £5.20 per session. For further information, please call into Crèche or contact Thelma on 07811 844555.

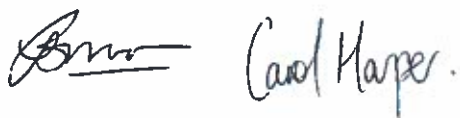
Nursery Open Hour

Our Nursery Open Hour is on Thursday 26th January from 1.00-2.00pm. This is an opportunity for parents and carers who will be enrolling their children to start Nursery during Session 2017/18 to visit the Nursery. Enrolment forms will also be available.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during our time as Acting Head Teachers.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signatures of Jane Brown and Carol Harper. The signature for Jane Brown is on the left and Carol Harper is on the right.

Jane Brown and Carol Harper
Acting Head Teachers