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As you are aware, the majority of our news is now posted regularly on our school website. Thank you for your positive comments about the photos and learning notes posted by every class.

I am writing to you now with general news that affects more than one class.

Please check our school website to see photos of your child's class learning.

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If you have ideas to improve it, please get in touch!

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Our hardworking Parent Council organised a wonderful event and there was a real buzz of excitement in the hall. Special mention to Annamaija Rist, Sarah Costello, Stephanie Brock, Sonia Coates, Jill Gerrard, Trish Le Poidevin and their families who put in countless hours planning every small detail. Thank you to all parents for your very generous support and all your donations. A total of £1400 was raised on the day although expenses will have to be taken from the total.

Staffing

Mrs McFarlane, P6 teacher, has been appointed to a small school near her home where she will have great responsibility. We will all miss her enthusiasm, generosity and dedication to the children in her care. Since joining us as a probationer teacher in August 2010, Mrs McFarlane has nurtured and taught children in her own P1 and P6 classes, expecting high standards and supporting the children to excel. Beyond that, she has contributed to the wider school as our Mary's Meals champion, 1 + 2 Language Co-ordinator, Tomintoul team leader, Fun Run energiser and a fantastic colleague, ready to support the new staff who have

joined us. Mrs McFarlane set up Room 2 as a classroom when it ceased to be a library and also set up the Portakabin as a P6 classroom. She leaves a huge legacy and we know that she has not found it easy to make the decision to leave St Peter's. We all wish her well in her new post and we look forward to hearing and sharing her news.

The post is advertised on the Aberdeen City website, job number 01304, so please spread the word that we have a vacancy and help us to secure another excellent teacher for our school.

Meantime, the arrangements for classes after the holidays are :

P6 Miss McLoughlin every day except Thursday when Mrs Bain will teach the class

P4/5 Mrs Jadid every day except Tuesday when Mr Campbell will teach the class

P3 red Miss Struthers Mon, Tues, Wed am, Fri. Mrs Martin Wed pm. Miss McLoughlin Thurs.

P1 red Mr O'Neill every day

'Macbeth'

P6 performed a magnificent abridged version of 'Macbeth' at the Arts Centre at the end of October.

They are going to perform it again on Monday 14th December at 3.30pm in our school hall and all family members are very welcome to stay behind after school and watch it. Owing to the language, it is not really suitable for children in P1 – P4.

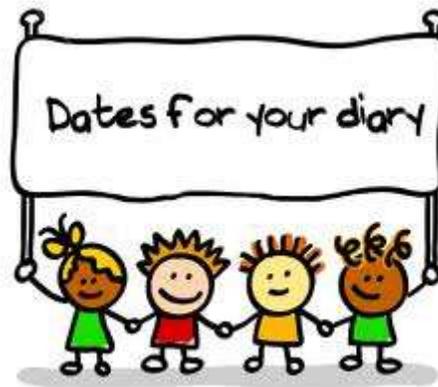


Homework

Thank you for the wonderful support you give to your own child to help them to learn well. We appreciate all the time you devote to their homework - hearing them read, encouraging them to write, helping them to feel confident in maths, listening to them talking about their projects and practising their songs.

All jotters are being collected in for the end of term and no more homework will be issued until January. Please continue to read with your children, take them to the library, write cards and lists and involve them in weighing, shopping, measuring..... Many children are not sure of the words of their Christmas songs for next week's shows so please encourage them to keep practising. Thank you for all your support.

Please return all school reading books and library books to school by Friday 11th December.



Please keep checking the school website for updates!

Tues 8th Dec We are all going to see "Jack and the Beanstalk", leaving school at 12.15pm for a 1pm performance. Children do not need to bring school bags tomorrow. We should be back between 3.15pm and 3.30pm and children will go home straight from the playground.

Wed 9th Dec There are a few items left in our Secret Santa shop and your child can buy and wrap a present for £1. Christmas Lunch at 11.50am – 12.45pm. Parent helpers are welcome to help with serving. Thanks.



If you would like to buy tickets for the school concerts next Wednesday and Thursday, please send in £3 per ticket in an envelope with your child's name, class and stating whether you want to come on Wednesday or Thursday. All tickets will be sent home on Friday 11th December. Many thanks.

Please remember to put your child's name on coats, sweatshirts and cardigans, lunchboxes and schoolbags. Thanks.