



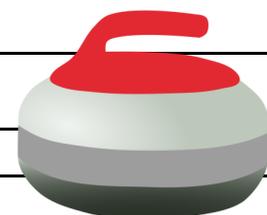
Hecklegirth Primary

January 2017

Welcome back to a new term—the hard work is well under way!

Dates for the diary — More detailed information on events will be issued in due course

January	
Tuesday 24th	P3/4 Museum Visit at 9.30 P7 Museum Visit at 1.00
Wednesday 25th	P6 Museum Visit at 9.30 P5 Museum Visit at 11.00
Wednesday 25th	Scots Assembly at 1.30
Thursday 26th	P4 Museum Visit at 1.00
Saturday 28th	Gymnastics Comp at Keswick Centre, Dumfries
February	
Friday 3rd	P3's Coffee Morning 9.00—10.15
Friday 3rd	P5 Assembly at 1.30
Saturday 4th	Burns Competition at Dumfries Academy
Monday 6th	Parent Council at 6.00 in the staff room
Tuesday 7th	Super 4's race at Lockerbie Academy—after school event
Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th	P7's curling
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th	Pre school enrolment
Monday 13th	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th	INSET DAYS—PUPIL HOLIDAYS
Monday 20th	Hecklegirth Fundraisers, 3.00 in staff room
Tuesday 21st	After School Basketball Competition at Lockerbie
Tuesday 28th	Visits from ChildLine



Celebrating Wider Achievements

So far this term we have heard from Sophie and Freya, P3/4 who had major successes at a dance competition in Blackpool.

We have heard from Conan who is our P2 star bike rider.

Lois from P7 has also shared her dance successes this year—so far.



Emma from P1 read us a lovely story she had written and Jessica and Roxy from P3/4 showed us medals and certificates gained at their drama club. Roxy was pleased with her special singing award also.



Parent Council News

I would like to thank everybody involved in making the Xmas Factor such a huge success, It was a great night, enjoyed by all.

The news to date on the Family Centre is that it will not go ahead at Hecklegirth. Thanks to everyone for taking part in the discussions and completing the recent questionnaires.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th February at 6.00, in the staff room.

All parents are welcome to attend the meeting.

From Gary Coupland, Chairperson

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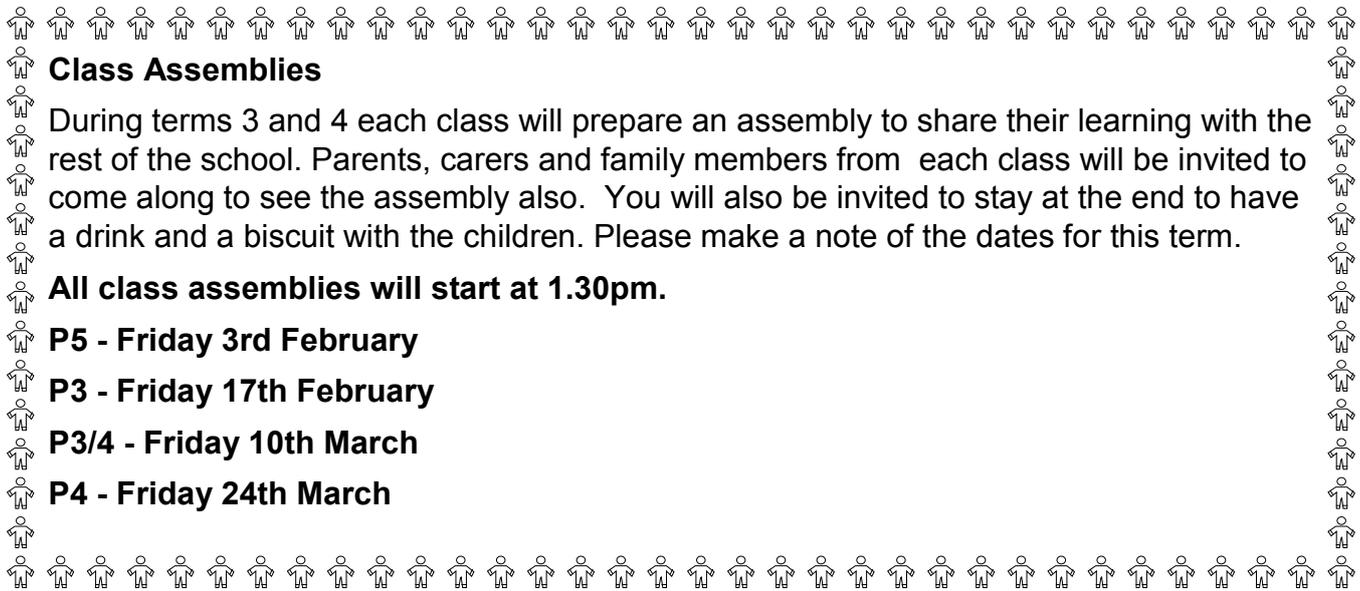
Hecklegirth Fundraisers

I hope you all had a lovely time over the festive period and happy new year from Hecklegirth Fundraisers! The support from our events held on the run up to Christmas was fantastic and it was great to see so many getting involved.

Our next meeting which will be held on Monday 20th February at 3pm is to discuss options for spending the money which has been raised so far. We would love to hear your ideas so please pop along to the meeting or send a wee note in with your child to school.

In the meantime, the staff and children will also be brainstorming and hopefully there will be plenty ideas collectively. I will keep you up to date with further events in due course!

From Kirsty Hamilton, Chairperson



Class Assemblies

During terms 3 and 4 each class will prepare an assembly to share their learning with the rest of the school. Parents, carers and family members from each class will be invited to come along to see the assembly also. You will also be invited to stay at the end to have a drink and a biscuit with the children. Please make a note of the dates for this term.

All class assemblies will start at 1.30pm.

P5 - Friday 3rd February

P3 - Friday 17th February

P3/4 - Friday 10th March

P4 - Friday 24th March

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from the 24th February to 3rd March. The children will all visit the Book Fair with their teacher, and they can buy books at that time. Times will also be arranged for parents and carers to visit the Book Fair together after school.



More information to follow.

Scots Poetry Competition

All our children have learnt a Scots poem this term. Well done everybody for all your effort!

The class winners have all been chosen and we will hear them perform at our Scots Assembly on Wednesday. Parents of the winners have been invited to hear their children perform. Sorry for the short notice but we have been working to a tight timescale since the start of term.

Two of our pupils will then be chosen to recite at a Cluster Competition on the 6th February.

To commemorate Burns' Day the children are welcome to wear a 'touch of tartan' on Wednesday if they wish.

School Improvement Planning

This term the staff are working within the school and with cluster colleagues to -

- ◆ *Devise an information sheets to help parents/carers support mental maths at home*
- ◆ *Audit current resources and identify new resources that would assist raising attainment in Literacy—including planning, tracking and moderation*
- ◆ *Develop a progressive programme of core reading skills*
- ◆ *Pupil council to organise events for the whole school to engage in reading*
- ◆ *Consider what we need to report on / collate to gather a range of evidence that confirms a child has achieved a curriculum for excellence level*
- ◆ *Organise a Multicultural week to share traditions, customs and special days*
- ◆ *Continue our work on SHANARRI as part of our Health and Well Being and introduce Global Citizenship*