



Dalbeattie Primary School

# Winter words



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another busy school session, we are looking forward to all the activities that are taking place: parents' afternoon and evening, parties and shows to name a few. Mrs Howie and I are continuing to run the school in Mrs Jamieson's absence. If you would like to speak to either of us just have a word with Mrs Murray or Mrs Muirhead our secretaries to make an appointment. I have developed a Parental Inclusion policy which is available to view on the school blog. Thank you all for your continuing support.

## Dates for your diaries

- November 7th-Parents / carers to look at children's work from 2:15pm.
- November 11th-Blue Folders of work go home.
- November 15th-return Blue Folders to school with completed information.
- November 15th-Children in Need day, Pyjamas day.
- November 26th-Parents' Afternoon and evening. [Appointments]
- December 10th-M & M productions £2 donation please for 'Dick Whittington.'
- December 11th & 12 Christmas Show for P5 -P7.
- December 13th-P5 party
- December 16th-P4 party
- December 17th P3 party
- December 18th P6 party
- December 19th P1 & P2 with P7 in the evening from 7:00pm till 9:00pm
- December 20th Christmas Service, details to follow.



## Pyjama day for Pudsey!

Children may dress up in pyjamas or a onesie on Friday November 15th for a £1 donation Children may bring their outfit to change at school or come dressed, we just ask that they bring a coat, please. We are also having guess Pudsey's bedtime for 50p a go! Is he early to bed or not?

## Harvest Time

Dalbeattie Primary has just celebrated harvest time by making their own soup from 'school grown vegetables' and by enjoying a play performed by two of the infant children, Blair Kalotka and Jennifer Taylor, who played 'The Grumpy Farmer' and 'The Farmer's Wife' with some help from 'assistant' Caitlin Brown.

All school children were asked to bring in donations for local charities as thanks for enjoying the soup which was made with the vegetables grown by last year's P3 Gardening Club.

By the end of the show the farmer was much more cheerful as he was reminded of the true meaning of Harvest Time.



## Poppies for Remembrance

This year we are selling poppies in school for a donation for the veterans of war. Also known as Armistice Day the 11th November at 11:00am will be marked by a minute of silence. It is possible this year that we might be able to join the Poppy laying ceremony in the park on Sunday 10th of November.



## New Build



Our councillors went with Mrs Howie to meet with Stephen Heppell who was at the DHS to present many and varied inspirational ideas for the New Build and to get the opinion of the young people.

Our young people contributed a lot to his workshops and we look forward to their vision becoming reality in the future.



## The Giving Machine

Just a wee reminder that if you shop online, you can make a free cash donation with every purchase if you join [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk). It's really simple, you enter your favourite shops via this site and a percentage of your shopping bill is converted into a **cash donation for the school** at no extra cost to you. Stores include Amazon, Tesco and John Lewis. We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone who is already using it, we have received a cheque for approximately £50 which is great! Keep shopping!



Classes out and about enjoying their learning!



### Primary 2 at the Museum!

P.2 visited Dalbeattie museum in October to find out about houses and homes in the olden days. They really enjoyed learning about how people used to live compared to their lives today. A big thank you to museum staff. More pictures on the school blog!

### Kingswood 2013

Another wonderful trip to Kingswood this year, more pictures can be seen on the school blog. Look out for the evening in January for the current P6s as we have provisionally booked for next year too!



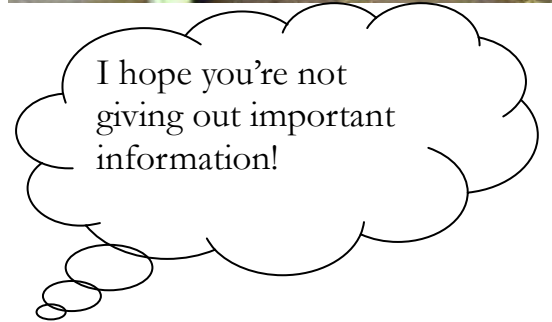
### Water in School

Research about this says that children concentrate better, have healthier skin, less dental decay, good energy levels, work effectively if they are hydrated therefore it would be helpful if children remembered to bring their water bottle- every little thing helps to enable children to perform better! Water is Cool in School!



### Operation Safety!

Once again the P7s had a very informative and exciting day at Operation Safety. Experts from all the emergency services were on hand to explain many useful life skills. The topics included how to keep safe around electricity, how to react correctly in the event of a medical emergency, keeping safe and healthy in the countryside and coping with the demands of the Internet & cyber bullying, something that is important and very relevant to young people today. Our visit was exciting as well as beneficial. Our thanks go to everyone who worked hard to make it happen!



### Primary 6 science

P6 have had their first session of science at the high school and they really enjoyed the experience and look forward to their next session.

There will be a letter coming out for P6 as they are going on a school trip to the Science Centre in Glasgow at the end of January.



**TAKE CARE ON THE 5TH NOVEMBER, PLEASE!!!**