



### A Message from the Headteacher: Welcome/Witam!

*Welcome/Witam! It's frightening how quickly this year is flying past. We now find ourselves in December and up to our ears in glitter and tinsel! Carols are being rehearsed every day in preparation for our concerts next week and we look forward to celebrating the festive period with you and your family.*

*On behalf of all the school staff, may I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and enjoyable winter break.*

**From Mrs Alexander, Headteacher**

### Reporting to Parents- Events

#### Open Afternoons

P6 and P7 welcomed visitors to class on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thankyou to all who made it along to celebrate the learning together.



#### Report Cards

We issued report cards last month and have still to receive acknowledgement of receipt from a few people. Please return the feedback sheet this week for our records. A text reminder will sent out to those who have yet to reply.

#### Social media

Please join us on our Facebook page 'Hecklegirth Primary School News' for instant updates and school news - open to all parents/carers of Hecklegirth Primary and Nursery. We are using this more and more to update families on what's on in school so join us today. Don't forget to answer the couple of questions asked or we cannot add you as a member.

#### New P1 Families

We are having an open day on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December to which you are all welcome to come along to meet with Mr Palmer (DHT) to have a look around the school and discuss the enrolment for P1 (14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January). Times for each session are 9 – 9.30 am, 11.15 – 11.45 am or 2 – 2.30 pm. Please use the nursery entrance where Mr Palmer will meet you.

### Health and Wellbeing

#### Time-keeping

The Primary day begins at 8.55am and we ask that all pupils are in the playground for the bell ringing. Time-keeping is monitored on SEEMIS and a text will be issued to alert you.

#### Winter Bug

Please keep your child off for 48 hours after the last bout of illness to ensure we keep the winter bug at bay. Remind your child about the importance of regular and thorough handwashing too with so many germs about.

#### SportScotland- Gold Award

Well done to all our pupils, parents, club leaders, volunteers and staff who have helped us achieve a Gold Award. We were presented with a certificate and flag on Monday and are now searching for a flagpole!

#### Dog Fouling



### Community Work



#### Haaf Net Art Competition

Congratulations to all who entered. We had some school winners- well done to Isaac Brown (P1-2), Erin McKenna (P3-4) and Mya Wylie (P5-7). Erin was the overall P3-

4 winner for the Annandale schools. Thanks to Mr Hextall for getting our school involved in this local project to raise awareness of Haaf Net Fishing.

#### Community Garden Project

Mrs Alexander was successful in her bid to the local Council for funding to support the development of a community garden with a seat. The grant provided is for £1000 and we look forward to working with our Eco team to spend this wisely for the good of our school community.

#### Recycled Uniforms

We have some 'good as new' sweatshirts and cardigans available for sale priced at £3. Please ask at the office. Money raised will go towards playground games, along with monies raised from the Ragbag Box at the front door (Don't forget to drop off old clothes and shoes here!)

#### Clubs

All clubs will finish on Friday until after the Christmas holidays. (Lego Club will continue as we started it later in the term.)



### Hecklegirth Fundraisers

**Christmas Hamper Raffle**- we will be selling raffle tickets to win a Christmas hamper at the carol concerts next week. All donations are welcome for the hampers and can be left at the office on or before Monday 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Whole School Trip**- The Fundraisers are subsidising the primary school's whole school trip to the Sands Centre to see Wallace and Gromit's Musical Marvels on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Buses are booked already to ensure we get us all there! All fundraising this session will go towards this amazing trip.

### Kate's Kitchen

Hecklegirth Fundraisers would like to invite Hecklegirth pupils and their families to support local causes instead of the shoebox appeal and sending individual Christmas cards.

*Kates Kitchen are in desperate need of the following items*

**Bars of soap**

**Hot Water bottles, mini or normal**

**Gloves**

**Socks**

**Hats**

*(clothing items needed in all sizes, adult and child)*

*If you would like to donate please send them into school by 14/12/2018*

### Volunteers

We really need extra helpers for events to help us take tickets at the doors, run a stall, help with 'crowd control' at discos, organise hampers, keep an eye on the main door etc. Our events are very well attended by pupils and adults and we just ask for an hour of your time to help. We are only a small group of volunteers and your support is needed if we are to continue to run these events. For more information, leave your name at the office or contact Stacy Wigham.

### Parent Council

We held a successful Parent Council training session on November 27<sup>th</sup> at Hecklegirth, with many schools from across the area joining us. This session gave us ideas to get more people involved in the life of the school, new events to run and ways to communicate with the Parent Forum (all parents/carers are automatically members of the Parent Forum if they have a child in our school). Our next meeting is on January 21<sup>st</sup> and we would invite you all to join us for cake and coffee and to share your ideas for helping to move the school forward.

The Parent Council wishes you and your family a very peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the New Year.

Chairperson-Mike Wigham Vice Chairperson-Rachel Stott

Email: [hecklegirthparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hecklegirthparentcouncil@gmail.com)

### Christmas Plans

#### Concerts

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>- P1-4 1.30pm & 6pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – P5-7 1.30pm & 6pm

- Some tickets still available for sale from office
- Hamper raffle in aid of school trip to Wallace and Gromit!
- All concerts will be held in the school hall and will last no more than one hour.
- For the afternoon concerts, pupils can go home with family who attend.
- For the evening concerts, please ensure pupils are in school by 5.45 pm. All pupils must be collected after the concert and will not be allowed to walk home alone.

#### Parties (see Dates for the Diary)

#### Christmas Lunch- 12/12/18

Our Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday and will cost £1.85. No milk bar is available that day.

#### Menu

**Roast Turkey, Chipolata Sausage, Gravy or Roast Vegetable Parcel,**

**Served with Carrots, Brussel Sprouts, Roast & Boiled Potatoes**

**Chocolate Mousse Crumble  
Choice of Juice or Fresh Milk**

#### Christmas Post

We have a Christmas card postbox in the front hall which P2/3 be sorting. Please ensure envelopes are addressed with pupil's name and class. If your child is writing cards and does not remember who is in their class then the teachers have copies of the class list to help (first names only) - please just ask.



