



# Laurieknowe Primary School

## December 2019 Newsletter

The school is festooned in tinsel and baubles. Rehearsals are well underway for our concert and preparations are being made for parties, lunches and our end of term service. All this means only one thing. It must be nearing Christmas! Sticking with the Christmas theme, a massive well done to our very own P4 Eva, who was one of the winners of the Dumfries Christmas lights competition. Eva, along with her family, attended the switching on ceremony last week. A very proud moment for all the family and the school.

**Mrs McLellan**

### **RECENT EVENTS**

Learning Conversations: It was great to see so many of you attend our Learning Conversations at the end of November and to be able to speak directly with you about your child's learning and way forward. We had a turnout of 80%.

### **'Brooke Jardine's Kindness Award'**

One of our former pupils, Brooke Jardine, sadly passed away in October. Brooke was a much-loved, kind and highly regarded pupil in her time here. Her parents Kirsty and Gary have kindly donated a 'kindness award' to be given in her memory at our weekly assemblies, commencing in the New Year.

Further information will follow in the New Year.

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### **Athletics**

Pupils from the school's athletics club took part in an in-house competition on Tuesday 3rd December. They did standing long jump, standing high jump and standing triple jump. The running of the competition was also assisted by pupils from Dumfries Academy's Sport Council. The event was enjoyed by everyone and all of our pupils performed very well. Pupils who won gold, silver and bronze awards in each event were presented with certificates at Friday's assembly. Well done to you all. **Miss Morton & Mrs Galligan**

### **Star pupils**

Our very own Nieva (P7) was selected back in May to be a junior dancer in this year's Aladdin Pantomime. We wish her every success in this experience. Her family must be very proud of her!



### **Christmas Lunches**

This year's Christmas dinner is on Thursday 19th December, with a buffet lunch on Friday 20th (the last day of term). Please ensure that your child/ren order and pay for these lunches in the usual way. Free school meals entitlement is not affected.

### **School lunches**

Lunch money can be paid daily, weekly, or per term. Children must have the right money to pay for lunch, as invoices may be raised for non-payment, by the Council.

### **Clothing**

A number of children are still coming to school in little more than a polo shirt. This is not advisable in temperatures around freezing, or in very wet weather. Please also ensure clothing is clearly labelled.

### **Uniform**

Uniform order forms will be issued in May 2020, for the academic year starting August 2020. However, if you would like to order some in the interim, please get an order form from the school office.

### **Lost Property**

We have many unclaimed items in our box and on the rail. Please feel free to come and check at the end of the day.

### **Lost jewellery**

We have two silver Nomination bracelets which have been found on the premises. We also have a watch and a couple of rings. Contact the office if they may belong to your child.



**Farewell:** We bid farewell and good luck to Mrs Winter, who works in the office, as she leaves to take up a full-time position in the New Year and wish her all the best for the future.

## Learning Conversations

It was P7N's turn to have their parent session on Thursday 5th December and they all got involved in making World War II aircraft models. All who attended had a fantastic fun time.



## Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 13th December

Our annual Christmas jumper and non uniform day for Save The Children, is this Friday. Pupils may wish to wear a Christmas jumper/tee-shirt on this day, but there is no obligation to do so. As always, there is no charge but donations will be most welcome for this worthwhile cause.



## End of term service - Friday 20th December

Our Christmas church service is at Max West church at 9.30 am. We hope to see as many of you there as are able to attend. The collection this year will be for the Book Trust, which is looking to provide a gift of a book to those children in need.



## P1 Enrolment dates

Please note that enrolments for this August's intake will be on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th January 2020, 9.00 till 3.30 pm. **You must attend at your child's catchment school**, to complete the necessary paperwork and provide their birth certificate along with your proof of address.



**On behalf of all at Laurieknowe, may I wish you all the merriest of Christmases and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.**

**School re-opens on Wednesday 8th January 2020 @ 8.55 am**

(Please note that Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January are teacher training days so school is NOT open)