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End of Term Update

Dear Parent / Carers,

What a fantastic term we have had again as a school and ECC, the children and staff have been very busy. I'm sure you'll agree there have been a number of highlights.

Festive Events

The support of the community and our Parents' Association at our Christmas Fair was amazing, and, as a result, the profit raised for the school and ECC fund was £1708. The feedback was really positive about the new format of the Fair, as it took place during the school day. This was intended to increase pupil involvement, as every child could attend if they were in school that day. The leadership opportunities for our older children increased too, because as part of their enterprise/developing the young workforce curriculum they organised and ran their stalls for the day. We certainly have some entrepreneurs of the future within our ranks! The funds raised have already been used to pay for the treats and drinks for all of the Christmas parties, and will be used for the benefit of children in the ECC and school for the rest of the year.

I am very proud of all of our children who have performed on the stage this December. The standard of the performances was nothing short of outstanding. Highlights included; the ECC stay and play Christmas Singing, P1 Nativity, P2/3 Carols Performances and our P5 to 7 choir who finished their December 'tour' of East Ayrshire this week, with the finale performance back at Lainshaw on Tuesday night. We see the benefits first hand of the confidence our children gain from the audience feedback they have all received, thank you for your support. It is not easy to honour all the commitments we have had in the calendar as a parent/carer, so we really appreciate it. Unfortunately, because of the yellow weather warning yesterday our ECC children and members of the choir could not visit, as planned, the residents at Hannover House.

The Christmas Parties have been a great success, I have to give a 'shout out' to our P7 pupil team who were involved in organising and supporting the parties. Also, Christmas hampers, donated by community organisations have been delivered by Miss Speirs and have been greatly received.

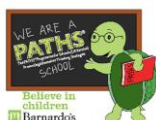
So for the last time in 2023, take care and please enjoy the next few weeks with those closest to you, we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Johnstone'.

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