Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy last few weeks of term we have had at Busby with all the parties, performances and a wonderful Winter Service from P1 on the last morning of term. The church collection is going to Yorkhill Hospital along with the money raised by Gaby, Lara and Thomas through their colouring competition.

Please note our increased use of twitter (@BusbyPrimary) and the school website (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Busby/>) in an effort to improve home/school communication. Feedback is always appreciated.

**BEBL Innovation Award**

The school was presented with the first ever Better Earing, Better Learning Primary Innovation Award at a special Ready, Steady, Cook!   The Green Peppers (Ms Usmani,  Jane Abraham, Rhuairidh, and Natasha) competed against the Red Tomatoes (Ms Cushley, Linda Gibson, Susannah and Razin) to create the best afternoon tea from a box of mystery ingredients.  Both teams produced delicious teas and the Red Tomatoes were judged to have narrowly won the vote with their offering of bruschetta and vol au vents. After the competition, Ben and Zara accepted the award, from the ASSIST FM Chair, Alistair McIntyre, on behalf of the school. We are very proud.

**Google Expeditions**

Pupils in Primary 4 and 5 enjoyed a visit from Google Expeditions on Monday 19th December. The pupils were able to explore the universe and The Great Barrier Reef using Google Cardboard virtual reality viewers. It was a fantastic experience and our thanks to Colin and his team from Google.

**P1 Registration**

If your child is aged **5** between **1st March 2017 and end of February 2018**, you should apply for a place in Primary1 at your catchment school during the week of Monday 16th - Friday 20th January 2017 **between 1.45pm – 3.30pm.** You will need to bring the following documents:

* your child’s birth certificate
* current council tax notice
* a copy of a child benefit letter (or bank statement showing payments)
* mortgage statement or rental agreement showing the same address as on the child benefit letter.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs**

A huge thank you goes to those parents who give up their time to lead activities in our extra-curricular programme. If you would like to get involved, please contact the school office. **Clubs will start up again in the week beginning 16th January.** Further information will follow in the new term.

**Christmas Parties & P7 Lunch**

Thank you again to our amazing Parent Council and Nursery Parent Group for funding our Christmas Parties and P7 Lunch. A special thank you to all who helped wrap the P1 presents and the ‘Pass the Parcel’ prizes! The children all had a wonderful time.

**Nativity**

Both performances of the Nursery Nativity were absolutely fantastic. The staff were so proud of the children – they are little stars! Proceeds from the ticket sales have been shared between our Outdoor Learning programme and Autistic Support Dogs.

**January Return**

School pupils return on **Thursday 5th January at 9am**. Nursery pupils also return on **5th January, at 8.50am** for the morning session and **12.50pm** for the afternoon session.

All pupils will be visiting the Burns Birthplace Museum in January, beginning with **Primary 5** on Monday the 16th of January. Letters will follow in the new term.

I hope all parents, pupils, staff and friends of Busby Primary have a restful time over the break and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Hunter

Head Teacher