Good afternoon,

Apologies that I have not been at the gate since Monday; I have been off ill with Covid. Prior to the start of Covid I had only ever had 2 days off sick in my entire teaching career; so you can imagine I don’t deal very well with being stuck at home unwell!

It has passed through quite a few staff last week and this week. A huge thank you to Joanne who has managed extremely capably deputising for me (as I knew she would) as well as then having other staff off too, and to the rest of the staff who have been in, who I know have supported her so well as well.

**News**

I was incredibly disappointed to miss taking our 16 children to the finals of the Cross Country championships and many thanks to Miss Moore and Miss MacAleer for stepping in. Arabella in Primary 6 came 3rd in the P6 girl’s race and Corrah in P7 won the P7 girl’s race! Very well done to them and to all of the children who took part – we had many more children get through to the finals than any of the other schools in the learning community.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the house afternoon yesterday and Joanne has told me how lovely it was to see everyone dressed down – or up! Many thanks to those of you who have donated to Parent Pay for this to help school funds. It is still open if you would still like to donate.

**Save the dates**

A reminder of some dates coming up:

**Thursday 30th November** – Share the Learning – families invited into school in the afternoon.

**Wednesday 13th December** – P2 and P3 Party

**Thursday 14th December** – P1 and P2/1 Party

**Monday 18th December** – P4 and P5 Party

**Tuesday 19th December** – P6 and P7 Party

**Wednesday 20th December** – Church Service 9.45am – all classes involved

**Friday 22nd December** – School closes 2.30pm

Please note that the P4 and P5 party and the P6 and P7 party have swapped dates due to Show Racism the Red Card being in for P6 and P7 on the Monday now.

\*\*Please also, if you can, save the date of Friday 15th December in the afternoon, and we will give out more details about this event next week.

**Next week**

Unfortunately, I will not be in school for some of next week either. This is bad timing when I have just been off this week but that was unforeseen and these events next week have been in the diary for some time.

On Monday and Tuesday I will be at another primary school in the southside as part of the team undertaking a collaborative improvement visit for them, just like we had in term 4 last session. This is a valuable opportunity for me and a way for head teachers in Glasgow to support each other in continuous improvement.

On Wednesday there is a Curriculum Conference for all Glasgow Headteachers. I will miss the start of parents evening while I make my way back to school from that, but look forward to seeing most of you on Wednesday at some point.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Caroline