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**Newsletter
Weather Warning/School Closures
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CIRCULATION: FAMILY**



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Staffing

After the holidays we will welcome a new PE teacher to Applegrove. He is Mr West and will take the place of Mrs Sircus as she is retiring. We take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sircus for all the wonderful PE links she has made for us at national level.

Congratulations to Mr Simpson, our janitor, who has been appointed to the post of Senior Janitor at Forres Academy and will take up his new job in February. Following interview, Mr Dickson will become Applegrove's new janitor after the February break.

Christmas Fair

We are very grateful for the support everyone gave by buying tickets, donating raffle prizes, chocolate and bottles. It was a very busy morning and lovely to see so many people having a good time. This year we added craft stalls of children's artwork to see if anyone would be interested. These proved to be very popular and we will do this again next year. The final figure was approximately a whopping £1700.

Enrolment

Our open afternoon on 14th December for parents of children, who will start school in August, was very busy. Enrolment week will take place in January, during the week 23-27th. Times will be advertised in the next newsletter and in the pre-schools. This year, the Council procedure has changed and parents enrolling not only have to bring the child's birth certificate but also a proof of address.

Running Club

This continues to be a very successful lunchtime club this term. Thirty plus children have attended regularly every week. This will start up again next term. New sign-up letters will be sent out after the holidays. Many thanks to teachers Mrs Wright, & Mrs Newlands, for organising this and to Paul Rogan, Active Schools. The children's enthusiasm in all weathers shows their commitment and resilience.

Recent Events and Fundraising

During this term there has been a lot of extra activity due to matching calendar dates.

We have just heard from the British Legion that our poppy collection raised £125.70.

Our P3 Nativity supported by the P6/7 choir this week got us all into the Christmas spirit. We do not charge for ticket but ask for a donation. An amazing £127.60 was raised and will be given to MFR Cash for Kids which will ensure the money is spent locally.

Our choir has also sung recently at both Mackenzie & Cruickshank's and Varis Court. They were given donations of £49.05 at one and were delighted to receive a chocolate selection box from the other!

This week's Forres Gazette has a photo of some of 6W who kindly donated their Christmas Fair enterprise money to buy toiletries for teenagers as part of the Forres Gazette festive appeal.

You may have seen the photos on our website already showing P6 and P7's day out at Morayvia at Kinloss. Volunteers say that they were very impressed that everyone walked. Daily Mile activities show a huge improvement in fitness levels. This was part of a sponsored walk which has raised a record £1499.19 so far. The children plan to use this to help them organise a Burns Supper for parents in January.

The collection at yesterday's Church Service raised £87.37 which will be sent to Highland Hospice.

Dates

22nd December - End of Term (usual times)

9th January 2017 - Start of Term

10-13 February – Long Weekend

27 & 28 March – Parents' Evenings

31 March – End of Term