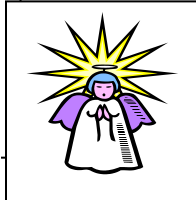


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Christmas Information

Reminder of dates:

17.12.13 - P1 & P2 Nativity performances, 2pm and 6.30pm

Parents/carers bringing younger siblings will not require a ticket for their child however we would politely request that you are considerate to the performers.

18.12.13 - Christmas school lunch

19.12.13 - Church Service, 2.15pm. Children will be dismissed from Church. **If you wish your child to be collected from school please inform their class teacher. Collection for Macmillan.**

Many thanks to the Parent Council who this year donated money to pay for the cost of the food and a **small treat** for the parties **instead of** contributing to Santa's gifts. We hope Santa will make an appearance to give out the treats! Also a big thank you to parent helpers who offered their time to help make and set out the party food.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and visited our Christmas Fair. In total £443.39 was made. Well done to Miss Patience, Mrs Livingstone, support staff, parent helpers and the Health committee for all their hard work!

Achievements

- Congratulations to the Health Promoting School Committee - They gave a super presentation to our visiting accreditors who were very impressed with the Health and Wellbeing work that was embedded in our curriculum and is part of our school ethos and culture here in Abernethy. We received a great report and now have some suggestions to move forward with. Look out for the suggested vegetable garden next year!
- Congratulations to Sam Donnachie in P6 who was successful in auditioning for a part in Perth Pantomime, Cinderella. Well done Sam and we wish you well!
- Several of our pupils also participated in a drama performance out with school well done to them
- Farg won the points last term and their House captains organised a treat for them - popcorn and cartoons!
- Well done to all P4 & P5 pupils who took part in the St. Andrew's Day of Dance - they represented the school very well!
- Our House Captains are organising a Fun club which operates during lunchtimes on a Wednesday and Friday.
Please remember if your child has achieved something out of school we would love to hear about it!

PENNY POST

The P3 children organised a 'Penny Post'. The cost for each card delivered was 1p. A grand total of £26.10 was raised. This year the pupils have chosen to donate all money raised from the Penny Post towards Macmillan charity.

PARENT COUNCIL

The parent council will be organising a fundraising event next year. It will take place on Saturday 8th March and will have an 80's Disco theme. Tickets will be available nearer the time, but get the date in your diaries now!

Parental Questionnaire Results

Full results from the recent Parent Questionnaire will be uploaded to our website shortly. We had a very positive response. Thanks to all who responded. Here are some of the key findings.....

- 96% strongly agreed or agreed on average with all 20 statements (3% N/A question wasn't relevant to them so didn't answer)
- Of 96%, 51% strongly agreed with statements (45% agreed)
- The 6 key statements for strongly agree (over 60% of responses) are:
 - My child enjoys being in school
 - School building is kept in good order
 - School is well led
 - School has a good reputation in the community
 - Parents evenings are helpful and informative
 - Staff make me feel welcome in the school
- Nobody strongly disagreed with any statement

Areas which we feel we could be better at were:

- 'Parents having a clear idea of school priorities' (7% disagreed of 95% response)

Currently we share this information on the annual report issued in September and in the August or September newsletter. We will look at other ways to ensure parents are clear about what they are.

From all the staff at Abernethy Primary School and Nursery
 Merry Christmas
 Paula Morrison
 Head Teacher



Dates for Diary

Parent Council Meeting: 5th February 2013, 7pm, all welcome
 Parent Council 80s Disco: 8th March, Williamson Hall

School returns	Monday 6 January 2014	
	Wednesday 19 February 2014	<i>In-Service Day (4)</i>
	Thursday 20 February 2014	<i>Occasional Holiday (1)</i>
	Friday 21 February 2014	<i>Occasional Holiday (2)</i>
Term Ends	Friday 4 th April 2014, 3.30pm	
	Spring Holiday	
Start	Monday 7 th April 2014	
	Monday 21 st April 2014	Easter Monday holiday
End	Tuesday 22 nd April 2014	In-service day (5)
	Summer Term	
Start - Pupils	Wednesday 23 rd April 2014	
	Monday 5 May 2014	<i>May Day Holiday (to be confirmed)</i>
End	Thursday 26 June 2013	