

	<b>December 2016 Lochwinnoch Primary School Newsletter</b>	
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Dear Parent and Carer

I would like to say a huge thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and carers for genuinely making me feel extremely welcome when I started my new post on 1 December 2016 as Acting Head Teacher of Lochwinnoch Primary School and Nursery Class. My substantive post is Head Teacher of Fordbank Primary School and I have been HT there for twelve years. As Miss Park is currently working at HQ I look forward to working closely with everyone in our school community until at least June 2017. I intend to issue monthly newsletters to communicate regularly with all parents and carers the main events taking place in the school and these will be placed on the school website. The HT's blog will be used to celebrate pupils' awards and achievements and monthly newsletters will be the main vehicle to communicate regularly with parents alongside stand alone letters when required. Please note that follow up questions and answers from a recent Literacy Parents Information Evening will be placed on the school website next week. Have a great Christmas when it arrives and thank you again for your support so far - it's greatly appreciated.

Regards

Thomas McCormick

<p><b>Building Update</b></p> <p>I would like to share with everyone that I have met with people who are involved in repairing our upper floor and I have been advised that work is progressing very well and it is expected that pupils will be able to start the new year in their classrooms upstairs. More information will follow when available.</p>	<p><b>Christmas Parties*</b></p> <p>Nursery &amp; P1.....19 Dec am      P2T &amp; P2N.....19 Dec pm      P3, P4/3 &amp; P4.....15 Dec am      P5 &amp; the P5 pupils from P6/5.....19 Dec pm      P6 &amp; the P6 pupils from P6/5.....19 Dec pm      P7H &amp; P7M.....16 Dec pm</p> <p><small>*Pupils may come to school dressed for their parties for ease, including P2 pupils, as their party is on same day as the service.</small></p>
<p><b>Christmas Disco</b></p> <p>Our PTA has already sent out an update but just as a reminder the disco will take place at The McKillop Institute on Thursday 8 December at the following times...</p> <p>5.45 - 7.00 pm - P1-3 pupils      7.15 - 8.30 pm - P4-7 pupils</p>	<p><b>Nursery, P1 and P2 'Wriggly Nativity'</b></p> <p>Parents and carers (maximum of 2 adults per family) of the above pupils are invited to attend our Christmas Nativity on Friday 16 December 2016 at The Parish Church at 10 am.</p> <p></p> <p>A collection for The Beatson Institute will be taken - thank you</p>
<p><b>Christmas Service Monday 19 December 10.00 am at Calder Church</b></p> <p>Parents and carers are also invited to our Christmas Service at the above date. Singing voices at their best everyone. A collection for Muscular Dystrophy will be taken - thank you.</p>	<p><b>Celebrating Achievements</b></p> <p>Starting from January 2017, pupils will be able to inform the school of any achievements they are proud of and wish to show off their talents. Pupils or parents can insert a piece of paper with their name and information into our Achievement Folders in the dining hall, assembly hall and annexe building and these will be celebrated at assemblies.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20 Dec 2016 School closes 2.30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Pupils return Thursday 5 January 2017</b></p>

