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Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Pantomime

Thank you to our P7 parents, friends and families who attended the P7 performance, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' last night. I am sure you all agree it was an amazing show and a great example of team work across both P7 classes. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Sandison, Miss Birnie, Miss Simpson, Mr Tindall, Miss Smith, Mr Hook and Miss Gin. Thank you to those who left donations, this is greatly appreciated and will be used to allow P7 to plan their activity week in the summer term.

Primary 1 nativity

It was also wonderful to welcome so many families into school to see the P1 Nativity, 'Humph' last week. The children put on a great performance and the singing was beautiful. A big thank you to Miss Simpson, Mrs Tait and Mrs Thompson for supporting all the pupils to get ready for their stage debut! Thank you to those who left donations, these will be used to purchase costumes and props for future performances.

Nursery Christmas stay and play

It was lovely to welcome families into the nursery to enjoy a range of Christmas activities and snacks. We hope all enjoyed the singalong. Thank you to those who left donations, these will be used to enhance ELC learners experiences. A big thank you to Mrs Goodlad for coordinating the programme of songs and to the ELC team for organising the Christmas snack and activities.

Christmas party food donations

Parents/carers are invited to make a small donation of food for the P4-7 parties tomorrow, there is no obligation to do so but this can often be successful as you know the foods that your child will enjoy. To comply with health and safety legislation, this must be shop bought and wrapped, e.g. crisps, biscuits, savouries, sweets. Fresh fruit is also acceptable. Due to allergies, please ensure any donations do not contain nuts or kiwi fruit.

Please also make sure that any dietary needs your child(ren) have are confirmed with their teacher so that measures are taken to ensure they eat/drink safely.

Christmas Assembly

Weather permitting our Christmas assembly will be held in the Methodist Church on the morning of Friday 20 December for our Christmas assembly. All classes will walk to the church that morning so please ensure that your child(ren) have suitable clothing and footwear for walking in case of poorer weather. We would love to invite you all to this service but unfortunately, due to the large numbers and limited seating, we can only accommodate the pupils and staff.

End of term arrangements

Bell's Brae School will close at **1500 on Friday 20 December** and will re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 7 January 2024**.

Finally, on behalf of everyone here at Bell's Brae, I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

J McGinlay
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Thursday 19 December 2024	Nursery party P4-5 party P6-7 party ASN Festive Visitor
Friday 20 December 2024	Christmas assembly (weather permitting) Last day of term
Tuesday 7 January 2025	School re-opens for pupils