



# Shetland Islands Council



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Dear Parents/Carers

**As we head towards the end of term we would just like to remind you that:**

- Christmas parties for P1-4 and P5-7 will be held on Tuesday 22 December. All food and drink will be provided by the school. Dietary requirements will be catered for.
- On Tuesday every child will take home a bag containing any Christmas cards from classmates and Christmas crafts.
- The last day of term is Tuesday 22 December 2020. School re-opens for pupils on Thursday 7 January 2021.

It was lovely to see you at our first outdoor, Christmas performance of songs and instrumental solo items in the playground. Thank you to everyone who attended and made this event so special for all our pupils. On a personal note, it was very special to see how our community pulled together to make this event possible.

We would like to again, thank the team who moved tables, helped to set up, filmed the performance and everyone who assisted in adhering to the social distancing guidance. It's amazing what we can do when we all work together!

## Staffing

Ms Vikki Parry will be leaving her posts here at Ollaberry Primary School at the end of this term. I am sure you will join me in thanking Vikki for her extremely valuable contributions to the life of our school. We wish Vikki all the very best in her new role. Arrangements for covering both Vikki's posts are being organised and I will provide more information when this is available.

## Swimming

Our pupils will access swimming lessons in term 3 at the Brae pool. Pupils will need to have a swimming kit. Long hair should be tied back. Pupils will have the opportunity to shower but they will not be able to use shampoo. The bus will leave school at 0905 for Brae and return at 1045. Break time will be a little bit later on swimming days.

Swimming arrangements for term 3 at the Brae pool are as follows:

- P4-7 will swim on Wednesdays from 13th January - 24th February (please note Wednesday 27 January 2021 is an occasional holiday)
- P1-3 swimming dates are Wednesdays 3rd March - 24th March + 14th + 21st April

**Interim reports**

A copy of your child's interim report will be in their school bag on Monday 21 December. Please get in touch with me at school if you have any questions about this.

Finally, we have been so impressed and proud of all the children here at Ollaberry Primary School. They have adapted so well to all the changes and continue to make it a pleasure to come to work.

All staff at Ollaberry Primary School would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Yours sincerely

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