



# Shetland Islands Council

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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a few things to update you on as we begin another busy term.

### **National Discussion on Scottish Education**

The Scottish government is inviting everyone with an interest in the future of Scotland's education system to join in a discussion they are having between now and the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. There are various ways to take part and you can find out more about this in the letter attached to this email.

### **Shoebox Appeal**

Thanks to all those who have sent in shoeboxes for this annual appeal. The shoeboxes will be collected on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November so there is still time to put a shoebox together and hand into the Primary next week.

### **Book Fair**

Thank you to all pupils and parents who supported the book fair last term. The total value of books sold was £960.59 and the school will be able to claim some free books as a result of the sales made.

### **School Concerts and Christmas Lunch**

We are planning to have a Primary Christmas concert this year on the following dates.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – evening performance time TBC

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – afternoon performance time TBC

Please note that these will be subject to change following any health mitigations from the Local Authority.

Christmas lunch will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, which coincides with Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children and as in pre covid years, all pupils will go home at 2:00pm that day.

### **Wifi Access for Home Learning**

Our parental survey last term highlighted that there were still a significant number of families where access to reliable wifi was hampering pupils with Home Learning. There may be funding available to support some families with this by providing wifi dongles plus sim cards. We would like to ask anyone seriously affected by this to complete the form [here](#) as soon as possible. Please note that the number of devices is likely to be limited and we may have to work out how to prioritise provision.

Yours sincerely

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