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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Arrangements

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has supported with the Christmas activities this term. We've had a busy week with Nursery and Primary concerts and the Christmas card sort and delivery. All events have been really well supported and have been a great learning experience for our pupils.

The Primary staff are thankful to the parents and secondary pupils who supported classes in Friday Fun to make craft items for the Christmas Fair. The sale raised over £300 and this will go towards buying resources for Friday Fun in Primary. If any other parents would like to volunteer in school next term on Friday afternoons, please get in touch.

Fernlea Visits

We are delighted that we have been able to visit Fernlea with pupils this year. Last week some of the PeerieMakkers went to Daycare with their knitting and this week Miss Henderson accompanied the fiddlers on their visit. Both visits were a success with pupils and clients enjoying the sessions. The Christmas Choir is due to visit next Wednesday morning with Ms Simpson.

Staffing Updates

Both Helen Kerr and Michelle Sandison will be leaving us at the end of term. Although Helen's time with us has been short, she has shown dedication and commitment to the school and we are very sorry to see her go. The Central Team will hopefully be in touch with arrangements for next term soon.

Michelle will also be greatly missed in her role as ELC teacher and ASN teacher. Michelle has had a positive impact on the nursery, being greatly involved in early years development activities within our own setting as well as sharing good practice at Shetland-wide ELC meetings. Both these posts are currently being advertised.

We are also currently recruiting for Learning Support Worker Hours to cover Bom Williamson's maternity leave.

Primary Christmas Party

We are having a Primary Christmas party after lunch on Wednesday 20th December. Thank you to the Parent Council for funding dance lessons this term, we hope to see the pupils show off their dancing skills at the party next week. Pupils can wear something smart if they wish.

Christmas Dinner

As in previous years we will be supporting the 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save the Children by encouraging everyone to wear something Christmassy at our Christmas dinner on **Thursday 21st December**. There is no need to go and buy anything new, a tinsel scarf, Christmas socks or Christmas jewelry would be work just as well. A £1/£2 donation on the day would be very much appreciated. **Pupils will eat their Christmas lunch at 1.00pm on Thursday 21st, served by Staff, and all pupils will go home at 2.00pm.** Buses will leave the primary at 2.00pm or you can collect your child from the Primary Building.

Dinner Money

We'd be grateful if you could pay all outstanding dinner money on Parent Pay by end of term. Clerical staff will be happy to help you with any queries about this.

Holidays and In-Service

School will close for the Christmas holiday at the end of the normal school day on Friday 22nd December. Staff will return to school on Monday 8th January for in-service. Term 3 will begin on **Tuesday 9th January** for all pupils.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Irvine and Pauline Irvine
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