**December 21st 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you will enjoy the forthcoming Christmas holiday and have a fantastic time with family and friends.

Thank you so much for your kind support this term. I have been overwhelmed with attendance at our open sessions in November and at our Christmas events in December. Your presence is greatly appreciated and your children love having you all in school to share their learning experiences and delightful performances.

In the new term, we have changed playtime arrangements to give the pupils more space to run around, whilst the field is still out of action. We shall have staggered playtimes in order to facilitate this between the upper stage and early stage. We are still awaiting our playground markings but hopefully these will be completed as soon as possible in the new year.

You will be delighted to know our talented P6/7 won the recent West Lothian #hecanshecan competition and have been awarded vouchers to spend at MacArthur Glen outlet. Well done children and special thanks to Mrs Murray, Miss Thompson and Mrs Ross for their support. Their excellent video can be accessed on our twitter feed.

We have our Parent Council AGM on Monday 14th January 2019 at 6.30 pm. We would welcome you all to come along and share views to support the school in its improving journey.

Our new school website is live now. Please follow the link below to reach it.

[https://midcalderprimary.westlothian.org.uk](https://midcalderprimary.westlothian.org.uk/)

This will be an excellent point to reach our latest school blogs and twitter feeds and also to find out about any “Winter Ready” postings to support your children at home, if icy weather prevents the school from opening.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am so proud of being head teacher here at Mid Calder and have really enjoyed getting to know the children here and all of you too!

 I have been very touched by your positive feedback and as ever you are welcome to discuss any issues with me personally. Please do get in touch.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 7th January 2019!

Kind regards,

Hazel Thurlow Head Teacher