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A message from Miss Hampton...

We have made it! What a busy end to the school year from a whole school Christmas party in the Woods to the Nativity and Christmas parties with a visit from Santa to a selection of crafts in class.



The Christmas term is always a busy one with so much to do - I think we all deserve a well-earned break! A big thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and dedication and for really going that extra mile for our pupils. Thank you to all of the parents for supporting the school and community and well done to the pupils for their hard work and effort in all of the festivities.

School returns on Thursday 5th January and we look forward to seeing you all then. May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all of the staff, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Staffing

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Burness for all of her hard work and dedication since August. Although she has only been with us for a few months, she has made a very positive impact on the school and the learning of the pupils in her class. We will hopefully see Mrs Burness back after the holidays for a few days before she goes off to have her baby. We have also requested that she keeps in touch and comes of visit with her new bundle of joy when she can.

We would like to welcome Mrs Judith Geddes to our staff team. Mrs Geddes will take over in P5/6/7 and will start with us on 5th January. She was in school last Friday so the staff and children have met her and we look forward to working with her in the New Year.

Whole School Christmas Party in the Woods

The Bear Grylls group invited the Healthy Heroes to join them for a party in the woods on Wednesday 14th December to share and celebrate their learning. We played games, sang songs and enjoyed the outdoor air whilst celebrating the Christmas period. 'Scatter' was definitely the favourite game and the hot chocolate went down a treat too! Thank you to all of the parents who helped.



Road Safety Update

Mrs Toshney, Wendy from the Roads Department at the Council, Councillor Ron McKail and myself, met on Thursday 8th December to discuss our growing concerns around the crossing to school. We have a list of actions from the meeting and will meet again towards the end of January to share progress. We will also be joined by an officer from the Traffic Police.

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For your information a speed radar will go down near the crossing week beginning Monday 9th January. This will monitor the numbers of cars using the stretch of road and their speed.

The Hour of Code



P2/3/4 and P5/6/7 took part in the 'Hour of Code' on Wednesday 7th December. The children had lots of fun learning about programming and coding using algorithms. They used devices such as the Beebots and Blu Bots as well as a drone and they even programmed their teachers! We



are hoping to build this in to some of our technology and computing science lessons in the near future.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch was a great success last Thursday. A very big thank you to Lorraine and Karin for all of their preparation and hard work on the day. It was a big thumbs up from the pupils and the staff!



Choir



The choir have been sharing their beautiful sound around Skene over the last week. Last Thursday we visited Pitcairn Lodge Care Home and entertained some of the residents. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the children and for staying with us. We hope you enjoyed listening to our festive selection. We also sang at the Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday and at the Nativity last night. We will regroup on the first Wednesday back in preparation for the Burns Supper.

Carols by Candlelight and the Nativity

Thank you very much to Skene Parish Church for hosting both events. A very big thank you to those who came to the Carol service on Sunday - numbers were very low but the children who were there did a fantastic job.

A very big thank you to Miss Law for coordinating 'Prickly Hay' supported by Miss Bruce and Mrs Milne. A lot of time and organisation goes into the Nativity and we are very grateful for all of the afterhours work too! What a fantastic show - I am sure you will agree that the children did a fantastic job and did us all proud. Well done also to the P5/6/7 and the choir for their beautiful singing.

Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 5th January - Back to School
- Tuesday 24th January - P4/5/ Rotary 'Fun Quiz'
- Wednesday 25th January - P6/7 Rotary Quiz
- Saturday 28th January - Burns Supper at the Ashdale Hall

