



Dirleton Primary School

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School Newsletter

December 2017

Dear Parents

 *Christmas is almost upon us.* 

The countdown to Christmas is well under way, only 5 more sleeps!

The school is looking fabulously festive with the children and staff creating resplendent artwork celebrating the beautiful location in which we go to school. The hall was particularly festive with a nod to Dirleton and all its beauty.

Thank you to Archerfield Walled Garden for providing the school with such a lovely Christmas tree for our hall at this Festive time of the year, it really enhanced our celebrations.



Dirleton Celebrates Christmas

Our Christmas show was, as ever, popular and well attended, highlighting the important role that our school has in the local community. The festivities celebrated here in school have been wonderful. All children were suitably excited, performed brilliantly and participated fully with our Christmas show. The infants produced a fabulous retelling of the Christmas story, all children playing their roles impeccably and with a smile. I'm sure there were many proud families in the audience.

The older children also provided excellent entertainment demonstrating their singing abilities. A big well done to everyone. Thank you to all those who made this occasion so special and to the staff who worked above and beyond the call of duty organising, preparing and compering the Christmas Show so well.

Mrs Bowers deserves a special mention for helping prepare the infants retelling of the Christmas story so well, ably supported by Mrs Fletcher & P3/4. I would like also to say a special thanks to Mr Skelly, our janitor, for building the stage. Once again we saw the benefit of having our very own stage, I think you will agree that the staging enhances the show making the performances that bit more special and the rising star for 'star, shine, star' was the icing on the cake thanks to Mrs Richardson's creativity.

DSP Christmas Fair

The DSP has worked diligently over the past while to organise The Dirleton Primary School Christmas Fair. Lots of creativity, energy and hard work went into preparing the Christmas Fair and I was pleased that the school was able to work so successfully with the parents to prepare Christmas goods to be sold at the fair. With the guidance of the parents and supported by the staff, some wonderful crafts and wreaths were produced. The children also managed to use the produce from our orchard to create some tempting foods and preserves for sale. A great big thank you to all those who worked together to make the fair so successful.



Still to come....

We now look forward to our Festive thanksgiving at Dirleton Kirk on Thursday morning. **All are welcome to attend, with our service beginning at 11.45am.**

And on our last day of term we look forward to our whole school trip to the Brunton Theatre to watch the festive pantomime performance of 'Beauty & the Beast'. Please ensure your child is on time this Friday as the bus will be leaving school promptly for the Panto. The cost of tickets for this outing has been subsidised by both the school and the DSP and I thank the DSP on behalf of all children & families for their generosity at this expensive time of the year, as they say 'every little helps'.

School will close at the normal time of 12.35pm this Friday.

We have had a very full and fulfilling year this year in school. We have had fun along the way and made significant progress improving our school. We have a lovely school, with lovely children, supportive parents and a superb staff who are committed to providing exciting and interesting learning opportunities within a nurturing environment for your children. I have offered thanks to many people in this last newsletter of the year but I would like to pay a special mention to the staff who have worked collegiately to continue developing and improving our school over the last year. They work long and hard to plan relevant and meaningful lessons and provide of their time freely to make our school the best school I know; their camaraderie and teamwork was highlighted during a busy last week when they worked together, in my absence, to direct and organise the Christmas Show for our community. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their efforts last week and over the course of the past year.

On behalf of myself and the entire staff team I would like to thank all children, parents and families who have supported the school over this past year.

We wish you all you wish for during 2018

And to the children...

*Remember Santa Claus
is coming to town!*



*He's making a list
And checking it twice;
Gonna find out
Who's naughty and nice
He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake!*



*Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year*

*P.S. Remember school starts at 8.55am on
Mon 8th Jan 2018 for a new year*

**B. Moody
Head Teacher**