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**Loanhead Primary School**

**December Newsletter 2017**

**I can’t believe it is December already! This is a really busy month in school and the children seem to wind up towards the end of term! It is also one of the nicest months to work in Loanhead as the feeling of community is very strong through all our December events.** I would like to wish all our families a wonderful festive season and a happy and healthy 2018 when it arrives.

**Head Teacher Awards**

**Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Head Teacher Award for November** P1 Andrew –Learning, P2 Callum –Learning, P3 Ava –Development, P4 Gemma –Learning, P5 Erin- Development, P6 Lewis –Development and P7 Paul – Development

**Head Lice**

We have had a few reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Please check hair regularly and treat as required.

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Mrs. Hinton who won the Forth One Best Teacher Award. She was also involved in the My Space project last year which recently won an award for Midlothian Council. Go Mrs. H!!

**Fundraising**

Thank you so much to all who came along and supported our Christmas Fair. We raised over £1500 for school funds. Thank you soo much!

**P1 and P2 Nativity Monday 11th December**

Nativity for Primary 1 and Primary 2 families. This will start at 2pm and take place in the large hall. Please note that we can only accommodate a maximum of 3 guests for each P1 or P2 child

**PANTOMIME Tuesday 12th December**

Oh no it’s not – oh yes it is!

P1 – P4 will have a visit from Hopscotch theatre company who will be performing Aladdin. This Christmas treat is funded by the Parent Council.

P5,P6 and P7 are off to the Brunton Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast. Please see separate letter giving details of this trip.

**Christmas jumper and school Christmas lunch Wednesday 13th December**

Wear your Christmas jumper or decorate your sweatshirt! If you wish you can bring a donation for Radio Forth – Mission Christmas.

School Christmas Lunch – We will be doing this across campus and the cost for pupils, who pay for lunch, is £1.90. Please see and return separate letter giving more details about this.

**P3 – P7 Annual Christmas Concert Monday 18th December**

Primary 3 – Primary 7 will be performing in our annual concert. Come along and watch your child perform! 1.30pm in the large hall. **Please note that guests for this are restricted to 1 per family as this is all we can accommodate in the hall.**

**P3 – P7 Christmas Parties Tuesday 19th December**

P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 will be having all class parties today. Cost is £1.00 per pupil and a snack and drink will be provided. Please send payment into school before Monday 11th December. Pupils may bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime.

**P1 and P2 Christmas Party Wednesday 20th December**

Cost is £1.00 per pupil and a snack and drink will be provided. Please send payment into school before Monday 11th December. Pupils may bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime. We hope to have a visit from Mr Claus around 2.30pm and you are welcome to join us for a fab photo opportunity!

**Church Service Friday 22nd December**

All pupils in primary 1 to primary 7 will be walking to Loanhead Church for our Christmas Service. We will leave school just after 9am and return around 10.30am. Adult helpers to walk with classes and join us at our service would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you are available to help.

**Please note school finishes at 12pm on Friday 22nd December for all pupils and all pupils return on Tuesday 9th January at 8.50am.**

**Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 6th December – Parent council meeting 6.30pm staffroom ALL WELCOME

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime

Wednesday 13th December – School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Thursday 14th December – P6 Zoo visit – lanterns of China

Monday 18th December – P3 – P7 Concert

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas parties for P3 –P7

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Parties for P1 and P2 and nursery nativities

Thursday 21st December – Nursery parties

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO NURSERY SESSIONS ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

 **ALL FINISH 12PM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

**Staff return – Monday 8th January**

**PUPILS RETURN – Tuesday 9th January**

Thursday 11th January – P1 outdoor learning

Friday 12th January – P1 outdoor learning

Wednesday 17th January – Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Wednesday 17th January – Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 24th January – Wednesday 28th February – P6 Ski

Thursday 25th January – P1 outdoor learning

Friday 26th January – P1 outdoor learning

Wednesday 31st January – Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

**Merry Christmas**

**And a**

**Happy New Year**

**From all the staff at Loanhead Primary School**