



Aberlady Primary School Newsletter – December 2019

“We learn to be wise”

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Welcome to our December newsletter.

December is here and we have launched into Christmas. Our P1 and P2's are very busy rehearsing for their nativity and the sweet sound of singing is lovely to hear around the school – it's certainly getting us in the Christmas mood. Our Christmas trees are up, we all enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch on Thursday 6th and are looking forward to nativities, parties and panto in the coming weeks.

Dates for Christmas events are listed below in the diary dates but here are some details that might be helpful.

 We still have tickets available for the P1 and P2 Nativity (Stable Story) on **Thursday 13th**

December. Tickets are free so if you would like some, please contact the school office.

Refreshments will be served in school hall after the performance.

 Christmas parties will be held during the school day. Pupils are welcome to either come dressed in party clothes or if their party is in the afternoon, bring in a change of clothing.

 P1-7 will attend the pantomime (Jack and the Beanstalk at the Brunton Theatre) on **Thursday 20th**. Please provide your child with a small snack and a drink to take with them.

School Review

Last week we welcomed a team of headteachers, a quality improvement officer and an educational psychologist to review the quality of education we are providing. It was a rigorous process where we were under heavy scrutiny. The outcome was favourable and the report will be shared once the draft has been finalised by the local authority. In summary our strong ethos and positive relationships across the school community were recognised as well as our pupils who are motivated, responsible and very well behaved however we need to further build on our current assessment procedures. The team validated our account of where we are; our strengths, areas of development and our next steps. I would like to thank the staff team who consistently work hard to do the very best for our pupils but over the last 4 weeks have given everything they could so we were able to participate in the review in all its fullness.

Headlice

We have had a few reports of headlice in various classes recently. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary to help stop it spreading around the school.

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Celebration of Achievements

We love celebrating achievements at Aberlady Primary School and now do this on a weekly basis at assembly, rather than mentioning in the newsletter. However, please keep us informed by email or a note if there is something you would like us to “shout about”!



Chairs for the Coffee Room

Our coffee room is used by various groups; pupils, staff, community and visitors. The chairs in the coffee room are ‘past their sell by date’ and we are looking to replace these with second hand ones



that might now be out of fashion in a corporate setting but fine for our context. If you are aware of any companies who have surplus chairs or indeed if anyone is aware of contacts in the community who could help us refurbish the ones we have please get in touch.

Christmas Cards

In keeping with trying to be eco-friendly at Christmas time, we would like to suggest that instead of children sending lots of cards to pupils in their class, they send one addressed to the whole class.

Introducing Mr McKenzie

We are delighted to welcome Mr Kevin McKenzie to Aberlady Primary School.

Hello All, may I begin by thanking everyone for the warm welcome that I have received from the Aberlady community. I look forward to getting to know more of you over the coming weeks and months. A little background information about me; I grew up in Longniddry and now live in Musselburgh with my wife and daughter. I enjoy spending time with my family, watching football and listening to music. Professionally, I have worked in a variety of contexts previously including an Academy in London, and schools in East Lothian and Edinburgh. I am an advocate of lifelong learning and recently completed a Master’s degree in Leadership and Management. I am passionate about learning and teaching, curriculum design and the links between research and practice. Aberlady has a great staff team and I look forward to working alongside them and continuing to make Aberlady Primary School a great place to learn and work.



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Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 12th am - Flu Jabs in school for P1-7
P1/2 Nativity dress rehearsal in church – 2pm
- Thursday 13th P1/2 Nativity performance in church – 6pm
- Friday 14th Scottish SPCA visiting pupils for assembly
- Monday 17th pm – P4/5 Party
- Tuesday 18th am – P7 Party pm - P1 and P2 Party
- Wednesday 19th am – P3 Party pm – P5/6 Party
- Thursday 20th am P1-7 visit Panto at Brunton Theatre
Nursery party in morning for both groups – no pm nursery
pm – whole school quiz – P1-7
School closes at 3.15pm to all pupils
- Monday 7th January 2019 – School opens to all staff and pupils.



[Aberlady Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year](#)

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