



# Loretto RC Primary

December 2016



Just a few bits of news, information and reminders. It is such a busy time!

Congratulations to P3/4 and P4 who represented Loretto and East Lothian at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SCEN Youth Summit. We opened the conference (which celebrates the links in learning between Scotland and China) with singing in Mandarin.

## Pupil Council News-Charity



We like to encourage the children to contribute their ideas for better learning and ideas for the life of the school. The children take this very seriously and they make real decisions about what we do in school. Children In Need this year raised the sum of £159 - thank you. We enjoyed our Spotty Challenges across the classes and a fun assembly with the 'teacher hula hoop challenge'. We were definitely outperformed by Kinga and Chloe in P7...but I am still trying!

**Infant Nativity-additional tickets are now available on request from the office. Please note we can only do this first thing in the morning.**

For Christmas the children would like to invite everybody who comes to the Infant Nativity on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December or the school Mass and Carols on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December to make a donation to **Save the Children**.

**Christmas Jumper Cash for Kids** On a local level our children would also like to help make Christmas special for kids in Edinburgh, the Lothians and Fife by donating to Radio Forth's Mission Christmas by paying £1 and wearing a Christmas Jumper on our Christmas lunch day Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The children are very keen not to have parents spend money on Christmas jumpers. Please share and pass round Christmas jumpers. If you can come along to school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec over lunchtime or in the afternoon-we could have a wee 'decorate a jumper' workshop. We have lots of bits in school to customize old sweatshirts or jumpers. Please let the office know if you can come along.

**Parent Helpers**-we have struggled a little for parent helpers for our trips recently. If you can help-please let us know-we especially need a parent to accompany P5, 6 and 7 to Torness on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. For Torness security, adult helpers are required to give their official details and bring their passport or other form of official photographic ID. If you can help please speak to the office or Miss Kinsella.

**Pantomime Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**- Our whole school outing to Brunton Theatre Pantomime will be on the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This is a real drama performance for children and is a part of our artistic culture. Learning and fun all rolled into one. We will return to school in time for school lunches but we might run a little over lunchtime that day! **We do need some adult helpers so please speak to Mrs Ross in the office.**



**Pope Francis Award**-P6 Pupils will lead 11am Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December as part of the launch of their new spiritual citizenship Pope Francis Award. This is open to all pupils in school. There are three aspects, school, home and community life and aims to encourage the children to put their values into action as responsible citizens. We look forward to seeing them join with the Parish that day.

**Class Christmas Parties...as previously advised.**



We are grateful to Loretto Parent Partnership for their support at the Christmas Parties, which are a special occasion for the children. Please speak to Sandra or any LPP member if you can help to set up for any party. Children may wear party clothes. If you wish to dress your child, pupils may be collected at 12.10pm to go home to change into party clothes and return to school for 1.15pm ready for their party. Children must be collected and returned by an adult. Alternatively, children can change into their party clothes INDEPENDENTLY in school at 1.15pm ready for their 1.30pm party start. Please send party clothes in a marked plastic bag.

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| Mon 19 Dec   | 1.15pm for 1.30pm P1 party                           |
| Tues 20 Dec  | 1.15pm for 1.30pm P2 and P2/3 party                  |
| Wed 21 Dec   | 1.15pm for 1.30pm P3/4 and P4 party                  |
| Thurs 22 Dec | 1.15pm for 1.30pm P5, P6 and P7 party                |
| Thurs 22 Dec | During am and pm session Nursery parties in Nursery. |

**Health and Hygiene**

This time of year brings lots of colds and bugs. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance at school. Of course, there are times when the children are too poorly for school. Please remember to phone us and let us know of your child's absence.

To help us, please spend a little time going over the basics at home too of using a tissue and washing our hands. This can really help stop the spread. A wee reminder - in the case of sickness and/or diarrhoea children should not attend school for 48hrs from the last episode.

Head Lice can also be troublesome little visitors so please do routinely check your children by combing their hair regularly and treating any eggs or head lice. Your doctor and local pharmacist can advise and provide the current shampoos and lotions.

Our grateful thanks to Councillor Forrest who has donated a real Christmas Tree to the school. It stands proudly welcoming everybody at the front door.

May I wish you all on behalf of the children and staff a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

School closes at the usual times on THURSDAY 22 DEC and re-opens on Monday 9 JANUARY 2017