

Cairney School aspires to be a happy, safe and inclusive learning community where everyone is treated fairly and with respect and encouraged to be the best they can be. Through high-quality, enjoyable, learning experiences, we strive to inspire and challenge our learners to achieve their fullest potential. In our school, learning is an active, exciting, positive experience. We work in partnership with parents, carers and the wider community to enable our children to become

- **Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.**



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Cairney School Newsletter No. 5: 10th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

News from the staffroom

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Mitchell has been appointed to replace Ms. Robertson who left us in March. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Mitchell to Cairney School; she will join us on Wednesday 8th January and will be teaching the children two days a week – usually Wednesdays and Thursdays. This also means that I will now be able to accompany the P6 and P7 children on their residential school trip to Dalguise in May.

How is it going with the individual achievements award? (Progress check)

Round about the October holiday, all the children were given a booklet of activities to complete in order to achieve our Cairney Individual Achievement Award. We would like to see how everyone is getting on and ask that the children bring in their record books **by Tuesday 17th December at the latest**. These will be returned to the children before the last day of term. Thank you.

The Christmas Show

Christmas show rehearsals for 'Hansel and Gretel' continue as the performance date draws nearer. Everyone is working really hard. The back drops are being painted by the children at the after school art club and are nearly ready and looking great! We plan to **raffle a Christmas hamper** on the night of the show; any donations for the hamper would be gratefully received – please hand them into school **before the 18th December**.

Proceeds from the show and the evening will be split equally between school funds (to cover the cost of costumes, props etc and the cost of the license to perform the show) and Maggie's Centre, Aberdeen - this is a charity chosen by the children. Maggie's Centre provide free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their family and friends. The children also wish to donate to Northsound Radio's Cash for Kids. Mrs. Cruickshank has kindly offered to serve tea/coffee and mince pies at the end of the show.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the raffle on the night! If you are able to help out, please contact the school! Thank you 😊

The show is on **Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm**. The children need to be back at school for about **6.30pm**



Improved reporting to parents: The Christmas Show

As we near the performance of the show, we would like to highlight the Drama skills that the children have been developing during this term. These can be summarized as follows:

Early Level (P1)

I can use my voice to express emotions and portray different characters.

I can use props and costumes to enhance a performance or character.

I can use scripted language appropriate to the role or character.

First and Second Level (P2 - 7)

I can learn a script and work with others to rehearse and present drama to an audience

I can use voice and movement to create and enhance different characters and remain in character throughout the play.

I can sustain a character role and react and respond to the other performers and the audience.

I have an awareness of the impact an audience can have on a performance



Music skills developed include:

I can sing songs with good control over pitch and volume and with expression and clear diction

I can sing melodies with accuracy.

School Christmas Lunch

School Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 11th December.

Christmas party

The Christmas party is on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. The children can either come dressed for the party in the morning or get changed at lunchtime.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17th December: Dress rehearsal for Christmas Show

Wednesday 18th Christmas Show – Hansel and Gretel (7.00pm)

Friday 20th December: Christmas Party (pm).

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm

Monday 6th January: School opens for Term 3



Yours faithfully,

Dr. Kim C Aplin
Head Teacher

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Parent comments and Ideas

Please share your child/children's out of school achievements

Name:

Signed: