



## DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER FROM MONQUHITTER....

...doing our very best to be our very best.

Dear parents / carers,  
Welcome to our December newsletter. Everyone is busy rehearsing for our performances next week and we look forward to seeing you there!

### News from the classes

Primary 2 to 7 enjoyed their recent trips to the Aberdeen Science Centre, a huge thank you to our volunteer parents, we hope you enjoyed it too.

### Cheerleading

Due to our Christmas Performance dates, the final session of cheerleading will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and parents are welcome to come along at 4pm and see the group routines.

### Children in Need

Well done to everyone who made our 'Wear it Spotty Day' a great success, raising a fantastic £350.20 for Children in Need. Special thanks to our Pupil Council for organising activities on the day.

### Swimming

Primary 4's will start their swimming sessions after the holidays, thank you to all parents who volunteered to help- we are working on a timetable and will let you know.

### Canteen payments - new procedures

With many parents now registered to pay school meals online, it's worth noting new procedures. Please be aware that if a child's account for school meals is £5 in arrears, whether online account or not, an email or letter will be sent out to the parent. Reminders will be sent over 3 weeks before a letter from the head teacher.

### Travelling Panto

The school were visited by the travelling panto yesterday, performing Peter Pan. I have to say, we were a very enthusiastic audience! A huge thank you to W and G Coaches for supplying ice cream, which the children enjoyed during break.

### Website / Facebook Page

Our new website was recently launched and although it's not fully populated yet, please pop online and visit at [www.monquhitter.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.monquhitter.aberdeenshire.sch.uk) We hope to update it on a regular basis - you will find links to newsletters, the school handbook, school meals and uniforms on the site. Friends of

Monquhitter have also launched a Facebook page to keep parents informed of upcoming events, we hope you will find this helpful.

### Winter Weather!

Winter is here already and of course, dark mornings and evenings. Children will still be outside for break whenever possible so please make sure they have suitable, warm clothing and shoes/ boots. Although every effort will be made to stay open during the winter months, it might be necessary to close the school. Information on school closures will be posted online, on radio and also on the new Facebook page. The school information line on **0870 054 4999** will also be updated if school is to close (pin number **022270**).

### New Road Signs

Most of you have probably noted our new 'Drop off Only' signs, made from the winning designs at the end of last year. I know you will all agree, this is an important message for all drivers and saves congestion and improves safety for all our children, thank you.

### Party Days

I'm sure the children are all looking forward to their Christmas Parties. For anyone going home for lunch and to change that day, the parties will all start at 1.30 sharp. If they wish, children can bring their party clothes to school to change into. The party dates are listed below:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - pr 6 and 7

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - pr 3, 4 and 5

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery , pr 1 and 2

**Please also remember Christmas Lunch is served on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Christmas Performance

As always, staff and pupils have put a huge amount of time and energy into our annual Christmas performance - remember to get your tickets and choose from the following performances!

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30 pm.**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm**

### Holidays

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - last day of term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January - back to school!

As always, if you have any queries about news items, please get in touch,

Yours Sincerely

Davina Gardiner - Head Teacher