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# Mintlaw Primary Newsletter

## Christmas 2016

**Christmas Gift Project Partnership:** Thank you very much for your continued generosity, we have been over-whelmed by the response again this year, there will be many families in our local community very grateful for your kind gesture at this time of year.

**Panto:** We had a visiting theatre company present Pinocchio to the children in P1-7, which the children greatly enjoyed, this was kindly funded by the Fundraising Committee.

**Christmas Assembly:** We had a lovely Christmas assembly on Tuesday afternoon, with a super attendance of parents and family. My thanks to Mr Watt for his input in the assembly and P7s who read the Christmas story and poem - all of this certainly helped to share the Christmas message.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** The children and staff enjoyed wearing their Christmas Jumpers, at this time of year we felt that the school had been extremely well supported and we didn't ask for donations for Save the Children, however, we have donated £200 from school fund to Save the Children, thinking especially of the children in Aleppo, Syria.

**Nursery, P1 and P2 Trip:** The children have had wonderful trips to Ythanbank to visit Santa's grotto and the donkeys and reindeers. They all had a magical time.

**Nursery Tea-towel:** £123 profit from the sales of their tea-towel, this will be spent on developing outdoor play.

**P4-7 Christmas Show: "Aladdin"** was a great success, well done to all P4-7 children and staff for all their hard work with learning lines, songs, costumes, props etc. The overall performances were excellent and enjoyed by the children and their families. We made £605

**P 1-3 Enterprise:** The craft sold at the fayre and the sale of the shopping bags has made a profit of £132.89 the children will decide what they would like it spent on.

**Fundraising Committee:** Money raised from the Christmas Fayre £ 1457.76 and raffles £1186.45, a grand total of **£2644.21** which is a fantastic amount. Also the Christmas Cards raised £279.50. The committee have also paid for the Christmas parties and provided helpers for the food. A sincere thanks to fundraising committee and all their helpers.

## Registration Week for Primary 1 is 9<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admissions in August 2017.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services has a common starting date for all its school in the middle of August in any particular year. You will be informed of this year's starting date at the time of registration at school.

Parents are asked to visit the Primary school of their choice during Registration Week. If this is not possible, should try and visit the school by the end of February 2017. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is required as evidence of their date of birth.

Aberdeenshire Education and Children's Services make no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported for Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

*Merry Christmas from all the staff at Mintlaw Primary*