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Mintlaw Primary Newsletter

December 2016

Staffing

At the end of the term, one of our valuable members of our team will be taking early retirement, Mrs Richards will move on to the exciting world of retirement, time for relaxing, reading, morning coffee and time spent with family and friends. Mrs Richards has worked in Mintlaw Primary School since 2006, during which she was also Acting Head Teacher for two years. We wish her happiness and health as she moves on to this exciting stage in her life, sincere thanks for all her hard work and commitment to the school.

We are delighted to welcome our new member of staff, Miss Ross, who will be joining our Early Years team in the Nursery at the end of term.

Consultation on Early Learning and Childcare

Aberdeenshire are currently running a survey to find out from parents and carers, the types of Early Learning and Childcare that best meet children and parent's needs. With the prospect of the authority being asked to provide 1140 hours per year for eligible two year olds and all three and four year olds, the council are committed to finding provision that best suits the needs of children and their families. The survey runs until the 31st of December 2016. It is a very brief survey and should take between 5 to 10 minutes at the very most.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AberdeenshireELC>



Children in Need

We had a fantastic fun day, with lots of Pudsey onsies, cupcakes, covering Pudsey in coins and much more. We raised an amazing £439.47

Poppy Appeal

Well done to Megan Davidson-Gall and Kailey Finnie who represented the school at the Remembrance Parade in Mintlaw and planted the school's cross. Our thanks to the ladies from the Community Council who came in and counted all the poppy tins from the local community. Mintlaw Community has raised £1393.92 for the Poppy Appeal.

Eco-Committee: RSPB – Save the Albatross

We have responded to the RSPB Appeal to Save the Albatross Campaign by collecting stamps at our school. If you can sort the stamps into foreign and UK and put them into separate packages in the box, RSPB will receive a higher price which means more money for the Albatross Task Force – otherwise mixed is fine. You can keep up to date with progress of the Save the Albatross campaign:

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/joinandhelp/donations/campaigns/albatross/>

J-ROCK

We had a great turn out for the dance work shop and then the auditions two weeks later. J-Rock sessions will resume after the Christmas holidays, when it will be full steam ahead preparing for our performance!

Fundraising Committee: Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas Fayre, we had a fabulous turn out from our school and local community. Thanks also to all the helpers on the Friday and the Saturday – what a fantastic effort all round. From the Fayre alone we have raised £1377.76 there is raffle money on top of that, as raffles will be continue to be sold at the Christmas Assembly and P4-7 Show.

Sharing the Christmas Spirit – A reminder

- Tuesday 13th – Remember you are welcome to wear Christmas jumper or t-shirt
- Christmas Assembly doors open at 1.45pm
- Friday 16th December – Parcels for our local community children in by this date, thank you so much for your generosity so far.

Cross Country

The children (and parents) had better weather last weekend at the event at Haddo, well done to all our runners, we are very proud of you representing Mintlaw Primary School. The next event is 21st January at Catto Park in Peterhead and we would encourage as many P4-7 children to take part.

Adverse Weather

The council website is the first place that will be notified if we need to close or delay the opening of the school, following that the school information line and school Facebook page will be updated in that order. Where possible we hope to have this achieved by 8am. Snow packs will follow shortly.

Adverse weather and emergency closure -

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

Information Line 0870 054 4999 PIN: 02 2260(Please do not use this line to leave messages for the school.)

Kind regards

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