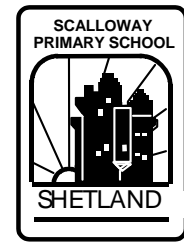




## Scalloway Primary School Newsletter - December 2018



### Important festive dates:



<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
	Interim Reports go home
<u>EY parties (am &amp; pm)</u>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
<u>Christmas Concert</u>	Wednesday 19 December - 1.30pm & 7pm
<u>Early Years Sing-a-Long</u>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (am - 11.15am pm - 3.15pm)
<u>Christmas Parties</u>	Thurs 20 Dec (P1-3) Friday 21 Dec (P4-7)
<u>Carol Service</u>	Friday 21 December - 9.30am Church of Scotland
<u>Christmas Holidays</u>	Friday 21 December - Last day of term (school re-opens for pupils on Tuesday 8 January 2019)

**Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14 December** - Everyone pays £1 to wear their bought or home-decorated jumper to school. All donations will go towards the Save the Children charity.

**Christmas Hampers** - P3 have accepted the challenge of organising this year's Christmas hampers. Donations are welcomed. Raffle tickets will be on sale at break times from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and at the concerts on the 19<sup>th</sup> December where the winning tickets will be drawn.



**Staff Update** - Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who have helped me settle into my post. It has been a busy few weeks. I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

We have two Learning Support Workers posts advertised at the moment to replace Miss Guthrie, who leaves us on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and Mrs Cockayne who left us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We hope to interview and appoint to these posts before the end of term.

Barbara Bannister in the canteen left us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We welcome Susan McKay as her replacement.

**Canteen update** - The children are now responsible for scraping their plates and emptying their water cups in the Dining Room. This is going well and contributing to the children developing as responsible citizens becoming more aware the amount of waste food that is generated during a lunch time.

January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

**2019 School Calendars** - We have the remaining School Calendars for sale from the Office. £8 each. They would make fantastic Christmas gifts!

**Morning Supervision Reminder** - A reminder that the children are supervised inside the school building in the morning before school begins but if the children choose to go into the playground they do so unsupervised. The supervision starts at 8.30am.

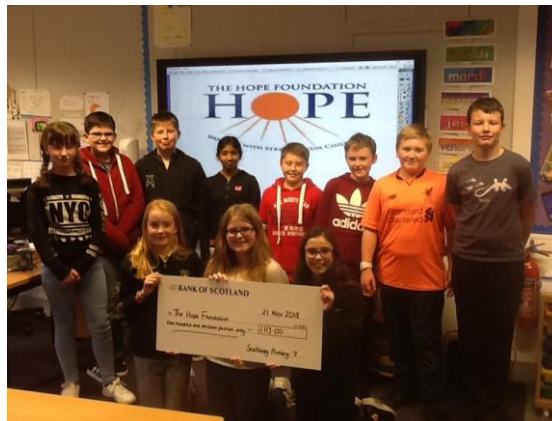
**Parent Pay** - You have received home information about the Parent Pay system that will be starting after the holidays. In this you are asked to opt in or out of school dinners/milk for the term. This will hopefully streamline the dinner numbers and reduce the amount of waste.

**Charity Events**

£300 was raised from Wear Purple for CLAN and MacMillan. Mrs Mainland delivered cheques for £150 to each charity. Well done!



£610.10 was raised during Children in Need Wear Spots day. Fantastic amount and lots of fun had. Also during this day the P7's raised funds for The Hope Foundation and raised £113 to send to India.



P4 were very busy organising the shoeboxes for the Blythswood Appeal. The school collected 50 shoeboxes which were picked up by Dr. Bruce Cleminson and Mr. Clive Jamieson from the Shetland Aid Trust. These will be sent off to various countries eg Kosovo, Serbia, Bulgaria etc through Blythswood. Thanks to all who contributed.



**Carol Service** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 9.30am in the Church of Scotland.

Please accept this as an invitation to join the children in the church. Pupils and the morning Early Years class will walk down to the church for a 9.30am start (weather permitting). If it is a bad day then the assembly will take place in the school hall. Sorry there will be no space for parents if that is the case.

**End of Term Arrangements** - School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and will re-open on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Finally...**

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Jen Williamson, Acting Head Teacher