

### **Strathesk Primary School**

### **Newsletter**

**December 2019**

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**Infant Nativity**

Well this year’s Nativity was absolutely fantastic! The children, as always, performed with such enthusiasm and confidence. It was lovely to see the joy on their wee faces. We hope you enjoyed it too.

**Wider Achievement**

What a busy term it has been! The Strathesk team has demonstrated determination and success in various sporting fields. Pupils from P6 and 7 thoroughly enjoyed their skiing unit and we hope they continue to develop their skills. P4 are also taking part in weekly swimming sessions at the leisure centre. It is lovely to see all the progress they have made and how much they are growing in confidence. Well done to the P6 and P7s for their success at the recent football festival. The sportsmanship and determination they demonstrated was outstanding! Well done!

The Strathesk School Choir have been out spreading happiness recently with super performances at the Nativity, Tesco’s and Cowan Court. Keep an eye out for them, as we have some budding star performers there.

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**Penicuik Learners**

Every month or so, learners from our neighbouring schools Cuiken, Sacred Heart, Cornbank and Penicuik High meet up to participate in collaborative learning activities. This year the focus is on producing a transition booklet for children moving from primary to secondary school. Thank you to our P5s Jack, Nicole, Lucie and Lily for representing Strathesk this year. Last month we came together to create a logo for Penicuik Learners. We are looking forward to meeting up next month to discuss content for a booklet on learning.

**Keeping in Touch**

We are hoping to send out more correspondence in the New Year through email. Please update us with any changes to email addresses so we can ensure relevant information gets to you.

**Nuts**

**Please do not include any nut based products in packed lunches or snacks.** We have children with severe allergies who cannot come into contact with these products. Thanks for your understanding.

**Parent Pay**

Please ensure that all outstanding payments on Parent Pay are paid before the break.

**Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school, we do hope you enjoyed the variety of stalls and the amazing raffle prizes and hampers. Huge thanks go out to the Parent Partnership who worked tirelessly to organise this. We raised around £2300!

**Staffing**

This term we have welcomed Mr Hermiston to Strathesk as a Learning Assistant. He will be working alongside P4 and P6 to support and extend learning. I’m sure Mr Hermiston will be a super addition to the team. We will also welcome Mrs Armstrong as a Learning Assistant in January (no relation to Mr A) to support learning throughout the school.

The current management structure will continue in January:

Mrs McConnachie- Headteacher

Miss Henderson- Depute Headteacher

Miss Reynolds - Depute Headteacher (Wed)

Miss Sloan - Depute Headteacher and P6a

Mr Armstrong - Depute Headteacher and P6a

We will re-advertise for a permanent HT in April.

May we take this opportunity to thank all teachers, learning assistants, admin staff, janitorial, kitchen and cleaning staff who come into school daily and provide support and care for all the children at Strathesk. They really do go over and above.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a wonderful, happy and safe festive season. We will see you all in 2020!

Best wishes,

The Strathesk Team

**Diary Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| **Friday 20th December 2019** | Term ends (12.25pm) |
| **Monday 6th January 2020** | In-service for staff |
| **Tuesday 7th January 2020** | Term begins for pupils |
| **Wednesday 8th January 2020** | P4 swimming recommences |
| **Tuesday 21st January 2020** | P7 Sportshall Athletics |
| **Monday 27th January 2020** | Penicuik Learners at Strathesk |
| **Wednesday 29th January 2020** | Scots Night |

