

# Millbank Primary School Newsletter



If you believe you can achieve

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017



## Goodbye

On Friday we will say goodbye to Mrs Ellen McPherson, a greatly respected member of our staff. Ellen has worked at Millbank as a Pupil Support Assistant for more than 28 years. Her many talents and her kind, helpful nature will be very much missed by us all. She has supported many pupils over the years and her firm, fair approach along with her kindness and sense of humour have been of great benefit to pupils and their families. She has carried out many important roles within the school; First Aider, making costumes for Shows, sorting out shirts and ties for the choir and sports kit for various sports teams, photocopying skills, running the Book Fairs, to name but a few.

We thank Ellen very, very much for all she has done for our school and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

## Christmas Shows

We do hope you enjoyed our Christmas shows last week, we are grateful for your support in providing costumes and coming along to watch the show.

Thanks very much to all staff members for the huge amount of planning and organising that went in to the shows. This year we used St Ninian's church so that we could accommodate a larger audience and use the church's sound system. This involved extra work in terms of transporting pupils safely and unfortunately the sound system did not work as well as we had hoped. However, more parents/family members were able to attend the evening performance and there was less disruption in school. We are grateful to all audience members who expressed their opinion and we will also be asking pupils and staff for their opinions before making a decision on the venue for next year.

	How many said 'yes', they preferred the show in the church?	How many said 'no', they did not prefer the show in the church?
Audience members at the Evening Show	174	88
Audience members at the Afternoon Show	63	112

## Christmas jumpers

There was a great variety of jumpers and other Christmassy clothes and accessories at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and we raised £192.15 for Highland Hospice. Thanks very much for your support.

## Christmas lunch

If you have not already done so please indicate on the slip below whether your child/ren will be having a school Christmas lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be no orange/blue choices on that date.

## Dates for your diary

Mon 18 Dec	P6 party at 11.00 am
Mon 18 Dec	P5 party at 1.30 pm
Tues 19 Dec	P4 party at 11.00 am
Tues 19 Dec	P3 party at 1.30 pm
Wed 20 Dec	P2 party at 10.30 am
Wed 20 Dec	P1 party at 1.30 pm
Thu 21 Dec	Church service at St. Ninian's church, 10 am.
Thu 21 Dec	School Christmas lunch
Fri 22 Dec	School closes at 3 pm for Christmas holidays
Mon 8 Jan	School re-opens at 9 am.

## School Christmas lunch

Please complete and return as soon as possible -

My child/ren will be having a Christmas lunch on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

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*Thank you all very much for the great support you give to the school throughout the year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*