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**Craigievar Newsletter 6 – Term 2, 2022/2023**

December 2022

Dear Parents,

What a busy term we have been having – we can’t quite believe that we only have 12 school days left until the Christmas holidays! We are keeping our fingers crossed that we don’t have any snow closures in that time!

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome Oliver into P3, along with his family into the local area. It is lovely having you join the Craigievar family. We will also be welcoming a new pupil, Katie, into P5 after the holidays which is good news. Ms Morley also shared some lovely news with us that she will be going off on maternity leave in May next year so we are all delighted for her and her family.

**PSA update**

Miss Emily Scholey will be joining us as of next Monday as our new PSA. Miss Scholey is a very experienced PSA so we are delighted that she will be part of our staff team. Thank you to Miss Dobbie for working with us over the last few weeks.

**Soft Start Open Morning**

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our open morning last week. We were delighted to have so many families join us. You asked if we could do it again and we said that we are planning a series of these over Terms 3 and 4 on different days and times so that as many parents and families can join us. Please see the attached feedback comments from everyone. Thank you to those who brought home bakes again – they were delicious as always! The P7s, House and Vice Captains enjoyed their debrief afterwards with some cakes as a reward.

**School Christmas Tree**

Thank you to Mr Stoddart for donating the new Christmas tree to the school – Mrs Stoddart is delighted with her new smaller tree at home, which takes up less space! 😊 Well done to the P7’s who spent a morning putting it all together – that was a task in itself! – and decorating it. There was much discussion about how colour co-ordinated it should be - red and gold won!!

**Christmas Table Decorations**

Thank you to everyone for sending in their entries for our Christmas Table Decorations competition. There are some really super designs and they all look lovely on our hall windowsill. Mrs Gray will have a difficult time choosing a winner! They will certainly brighten up the tables at our Christmas lunch.

**School Choir**

Well done to the School Choir for performing at the local craft fair in Craigievar Community Hall on Sunday afternoon – everyone was delighted to hear you all. Thank you to Ms Pittendreigh and Mrs Nichol for organising this and to the parents for bringing their children along.

**Christmas Celebrations**

Our Show practises continue with gusto and we are really looking forward to presenting “Lights, Camel, Action!” to you on Thursday 15th December in the Craigievar Community Hall. A big thank you to all the staff for ensuring that the pupils know all the words to the songs – they are so catchy that we are all singing them too! 😊

**Bus Behaviour**

Thank you for supporting the school by talking to your child/children about their behaviour on the school buses. The drivers are letting us know on a daily basis when there is improvement. Please see the attached information taken from Aberdeenshire’s Home-to-School Transport document for pupils and parents. A copy of the full document is available from the school on request.

**Parent Council/PTA**

The next meeting will be held in the school on Monday 16th January at 6.30pm, to which you are all warmly invited.

**Dates for your Diary:**

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| Date | Action |
| 7th December | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch |
| 9th December | Visit from ALEC (Health & Wellbeing) |
| 13th December | School Show Dress Rehearsal at Craigievar Community Hall, 1.20 – 3.15 pm |
| 15th December | School Show Dress Rehearsal at Craigievar Community Hall, 1.20 – 3.15 pmSchool Show in Craigievar Hall, 6 for 6.30pm |
| 19th December | Forest School Day |
| 21st December | PTA Christmas Crafts afternoon |
| 22nd December  | Joint end of term Christmas assembly, 9.30 am |
| 22nd December | Christmas Party, 1.30 – 3.15 pm |
| 22nd December | Last day of Term 2 |
| 23rd December | Occasional Day – School Closed to Staff and Pupils |
| 9th January 2023 | Start of Term 3 |
| 16th January 2023 | Primary 1 Admission Week |
| 16th January 2023 | PC/PTA meeting 6.30pm |

**Contacting the school**

Should you wish to pass on any information to either myself as Acting HT or any of the staff then we would be grateful if you can email the school on craigievar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please **do not** use the personal email for the Administrator as Mrs Nichol is not in school on a Wednesday and important information can get delayed.

Should you have any questions about your child’s academic progress then please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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