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Dear Parent/Carer

### **December Newsletter**

We are fast approaching the end of term but before we do there are several pieces of information to share with you.

#### **Snowy Chums – Infant Show**

We have just completed our final performance of our Infant Show. The children were terrific! Well done boys and girls! The teachers, the support staff, janitorial staff and clerical staff worked very hard to support the show and can feel very satisfied with their contributions and the quality of the performances they achieved from the children. Well done and thank you! Our audiences were equally excellent!

#### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

We are moving into the final week of our appeal for contributions to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Our parents and children have done us proud with their generosity and support.

We will have twenty three very full hampers to share with Action for Children and Spirit Aid. These charities will come and collect the hampers on the last day of term and distribute the contributions to local people. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

#### **International Evening/International Week**

We have thanked our Parent Council, and in particular Astrid Azurdia, for the tremendous amount of time and effort out in to make our International Evening such a success.

We would also like to thank Sian Bartholomew, Principal Teacher, who organised for a number of parents to come in and read bilingual stories, deliver a conversational language class in their mother tongue, present a craft/art activity to a group of children and a host of other fun activities to celebrate and promote our diversity during our International Week.

The parents' contributions were very well received and we would like to thank them sincerely for their time and support.

Thank you.

## Winter Weather Procedures

We previously drew attention to our winter weather procedures but given the current weather it is appropriate to list them again.

Our procedures for winter weather are as follows if there is ice or heavy snow:

- The janitors will grit and attempt to clear a path on the ramp leading down from Kelvinway
- The janitors will grit and attempt to clear a path at the Otago Street entrance
- These two entrances will be our priority due to the number of janitorial staff we have and the time available
- If the school is unable to open we will send a text message to our parents as early as possible. Information will also be available from Glasgow City Council's website and twitter, [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk) @GlasgowCC, on Hillhead Primary's twitter, @HillheadPrimary and from local media websites, radio and TV
- If you receive a message the school is closed please do not continue with your journey to school with your child
- **In inclement weather pupils should not be sent to school unaccompanied**
- Please ensure that all children are appropriately dressed for the weather
- If we have to close the school once children have arrived please arrange for your child to be collected as soon as possible
- We have a check out system in place when we have to send children home. Friends and relatives can collect children provided we have your permission
- **It is essential that we have current contact details of all our parents**
- Please continue to follow media reports when the school is closed. We will endeavour to reopen as soon as possible, once it is safe to do so

## Unclaimed lost Property

We still have significant amounts of unclaimed property. The problem would be solved if everyone put their child's name on each item of clothing but regrettably this has not happened. Please have a check through all lost property as anything unclaimed will either be sent to charity or recycling.

## Cars Picking up and Dropping off on Otago Street

We had gone through a period where very few cars were entering Otago Street to pick up/drop off children. However recently there has been a marked increase in the number of cars doing this. We also experienced a completely unacceptable situation where cars not only illegally parked on either side of the road but several also parked in a line in the middle of the road. This is dangerous, thoughtless and puts our children's lives at risk. The Police will be contacted if there is any repeat of this reckless behaviour.

If you require to collect your child by car please arrange to do so on Kelvin Way where there are short term parking bays.

## Holidays

Please remember that the school closes for our holidays at **2:30pm on Wednesday 20 December**. Please ensure that you arrive at the school on time for this earlier closure so that everyone can begin their holiday.

School reopens on Thursday 4 January 2018 at 9am.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and cooperation this far and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.

Best Wishes

Francis Donaghy  
Head Teacher