

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

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P4-P7 CHOIR – visit to WRI cancelled

Unfortunately, Mrs Walker is unable to come into school in the run up to Christmas, and as a result our choir will not be visiting the WRI this Wednesday, 7th December.

We are hopeful that the choir will be able to perform at the WRI early in the New Year.

CASH FOR KIDS – FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER – “FESTIVE FRIDAY”

Our Pupil Council has registered us to take part in the ‘Cash for Kids’ “FESTIVE FRIDAY” day this week. They are encouraging pupils to get into the festive mood by wearing something festive to school from Christmas jumpers to Xmas badges to Santa hats, to reindeer headwear (the choice is yours).

Join in the festive fun this Friday for a £1 donation to Cash for Kids and make a difference to local children this Christmas.

Farewell Mr. Pringle

Mr. Pringle, our janitor, is due to retire at the end of this term.

We wish to thank Mr. Pringle for his help and commitment to our school and pupils during his long association with us. We wish him well for the future.

During the interim period, Mr. Barrett will cover Mr. Pringle's days in January.

We are hopeful that a replacement janitor will be appointed to cover this from February onwards.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 6th December – Champions in Schools visit P6.
- Wednesday 14th December – Chirnside Xmas Factor – Performances: afternoon from 13.30 and evening from 18.00.
- Thursday 15th December – School Christmas Lunch
- Monday 19th December – P1-P3 Christmas Party PM
- Tuesday 20th December – P4-5 Christmas Party PM
- Wednesday 21st December – P6-7 Christmas Party PM
- Thursday 22nd December – Christmas Service in the Parish Church starting at 10.30am
- Christmas Holiday Friday 23rd December until Sunday 8th January 2017. School reopens on Monday 9th January 2017.

Primary 6 TetraPak Advert – National Finalists - PLEASE VOTE!

We are delighted to announce that Ethan, Samirs and Arran from P6 have had their TetraPak radio advert selected as one of two finalists in a national online competition.

The entry with the most votes by Monday 12th December 2016 in the Social Media Challenge will be crowned the winner!

We need your vote!!

Please cast a vote for them at the link below from 9am on Monday 5th December. Voting closes on Monday 12th December at 9am....

Chirnside Xmas Factor

This year, P1-7 classes will be putting together their creative ideas and performance skills in our whole-school production 'Chirnside Xmas Factor'.

Rehearsals are well under way, with individual classes refining their performances to be judged by our invited judges.

Individual class teachers will contact parents regarding any costume requirements for pupils.

There will be two performances on Wednesday 14th December – one at 1.30pm and one at 6.00pm.



TICKET DETAILS: Tickets go on sale this Wednesday (7th December). Tickets are priced £2.50 per adult

and £1.50 per child. These are limited to **3 tickets per family** (2 adults and 1 child maximum as we have limited seating available).

If you wish to purchase tickets, please complete the return slip attached to the 'Chirnside Xmas Factor' information letter and return to school, with monies, in an envelope with your child's name on it by Friday 9th December.

We will post available ticket updates on our FaceBook page on Monday and Tuesday morning next week.

*****On Monday 12th December parents can purchase any unsold tickets on a first come, first served basis from the school office. Please attend in person to purchase these.*****

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch for pupils and staff will be held on Thursday 15th December. Menus on Parent Pay have been adjusted to reflect this.

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will be held on the following dates (all afternoons):

- Monday 19th December – P1-P3 Christmas Party PM
- Tuesday 20th December – P4-5 Christmas Party PM
- Wednesday 21st December – P6-7 Christmas Party PM

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will be held on Thursday 22nd December at 10.30am, in the Parish Church. All parents and families are invited to attend.

Infectious Illnesses

Please can parents continue to notify the school if they are aware of the presence of infectious illnesses such as chickenpox, mumps, measles etc. This will allow us to inform the parents of a pupil who currently has a suppressed immune system. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

We're Getting Better All the Time!

In November we...

- Explored 'Thinking Routines' contained in 'Making Thinking Visible' research and theory.
- Continued to develop 'Critical Reading' approaches in all classes. We completed teacher visits to other classes with these as a focus.
- Developed further our approaches to pupil assessment through evaluating national benchmarks in Literacy and Numeracy.

Parent Parking Outside of School

Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of parents who have started to park at the front of the school again to drop off or collect both ELC and primary pupils. This has resulted in an increasing number of pupils being walked along the main A6105 to gain access through both the school drive gates and the main gates in the 'D'.

Scottish Borders Council and Police Scotland identified this practice as **a significant risk to pupil safety**, and requested parents with pupils must access school grounds by the pedestrian gate from the school path.

PLEASE refrain from parking at the front of the school. "Drop and Drive" in the 'D' continues to operate before 8.50am for primary pupils.

Polite Request by the Local Community

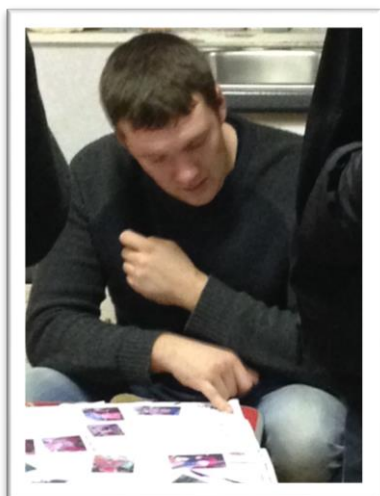
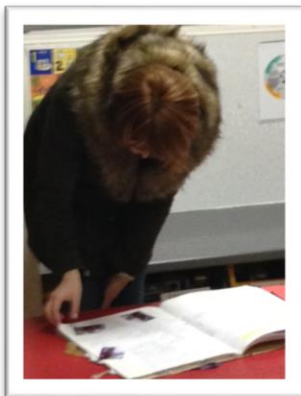
When dropping children off/picking up on Kirkgate, can parents please refrain from parking upon the grass verge surrounding the small car park on Kirkgate, adjacent to the Church. Over previous years, during winter, this area turns into a mud bath which is then transferred onto the road making it not only dangerous but causes lasting damage to the verge. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Nicholas Trussler

Nick Trussler – Head Teacher





ELCC My Child's Learning Journey – Parent Open Evening

Thank you to the parents who came along to learn more about their child's learning journey with our ELCC staff on Monday 5th December.

