



## Edenside Primary Newsletter

### January 2019

#### **From Mr Bewsey**

It's 2019 – Where does the time go? I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful festive period with friends and family. Perhaps you've even made some New Year's resolutions too. As we start this New Year and this new school term, I want Edenside to continue to be a school that helps your children be the best they can be. The staff have a lot of interesting, engaging learning planned for the coming weeks and months and we look forward to working with you to help your child succeed, to thrive and to flourish.

#### **Staffing update**

- *New DHT:* Despite our best efforts, there has been an unavoidable delay in our new DHT starting. However, we now have Monday 11th February as Mrs Karla Pearce's start date. We look forward to welcoming her then.
- *New P7 teacher:* Contrary to the plans made prior to the Christmas break, Primary 7's new teacher will now be Mrs Brown on a full-time basis. This is great for the class and we welcome Mrs Brown back to a full week in school!

#### **News round-up – Last term**

*Nursery nativity:* Our wee nursery children were absolutely wonderful as they presented their version of 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. This delightful story saw the forgetful, clumsy, untidy angel being asked to do a very important job – and she did it perfectly! The audience of friends and family were so impressed with the performance.

*P1-2 Owl visit:* As part of their 'Nocturnal Animals' topic, P1, P1/2 and P2 had a surprise visit from Bonnie the barn owl. Mrs McSeveney told us lots of fascinating facts about barn owls and we got to stroke Bonnie's beautiful, soft feathers! Thank you to Mrs McSeveney and Bonnie for coming to see us.

*P3-4 Victorians Topic:* To support their 'Victorians' topic, P3, 3/4 and 4 enjoyed a trip to Paxton House. They learned lots about Victorian Christmas as well as what Victorian children would have experienced. We also met a certain man in a GREEN suit! The classes also enjoyed a Victorian school day experience with pupils and staff in costume and character for a day.

*P4/5 – 5 with Kelso Music Society:* Our middle school pupils were visited by members of Kelso Music Society and engaged in a day of music, dance and art. The pupils learnt so much and have been invited to share their 'final piece' at a KMS concert very soon.

*P6-7 Bah Humbug:* In their adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', our senior pupils entertained friends and family alike. Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge found himself visited by some rather unexpected characters! Through encounters with his former partner, Jacob Marley, and three very different ghosts, Scrooge was given the chance to revisit his past, consider his present and glimpse his future. A truly spectacular show!

## **Other news**

*Parent Consultations:* We are hosting Parent Consultations on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please use the Parents' Evening Booking System to book your slot but if you have any issues, just get in touch with the office. Booking will open next week and further information will be sent prior to this.

*Pupil reports – a new approach:* You will receive a copy of your child's report just before the Parent Consultations (see above). The new 'streamlined' reports will replace the traditional annual report and will be part of the ongoing 'learning conversation' with you as parents and carers. The content of the report will form the basis of your face-to-face meeting with teachers.

*Breakfast Club:* This is still in the planning stages but a start date and full details will be shared as soon as possible.

## **Coming up**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School RE-OPENS	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Kelso Music Society Project Nursery Enrolment Week	P4/5 & P5W
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Council meeting	6.30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	P7 Area Girls Netball Competition (selected pupils)	Berwickshire High School, 4-6pm - sports kit plus small snack and water bottle required
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Area Girls Netball Final (selected pupils)	Queens Centre Galashiels, 9.30am-1.30pm - sports kit plus small snack and water bottle required
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Evening	3.50pm onwards - Book appointment online
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Evening	5pm onwards - Book appointment online
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	CASUAL HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	CASUAL HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	CASUAL HOLIDAY	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	School Re-opens	

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