



Edenside Primary Newsletter December

From Mr Bewsey

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... The school decorations are up, the tree is in place and carols are being rehearsed. It is an exciting time of year and I am looking forward to sharing the festive season with Edenside. We are intending to keep normal learning and teaching in place until the last week of term but then everything will go a bit 'Jingle Bells'!

If I don't see you in school over the coming weeks, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Staffing update

- *New DHT:* The successful applicant is due to start in January, subject to final checks.
- *New P7 teacher:* For very understandable reasons (!), Mrs Bryce will now be finishing at Christmas. Interviews for her replacement will be taking place imminently and the successful candidate will start in January.
- *Miss Pike:* Unfortunately, Miss Pike is still unwell and will not be returning to school before Christmas – our thoughts are with her. Mrs Wilson will be taking over from Mrs Mabon and Mrs Cordiner for the remainder of the term.

News round-up

Borders Disability Athletics: Our resident sporting champions – Matthew, Lucas, Cailey, Maisie and Belinda – all competed in the recent Borders-wide Disability Athletics Championship. Not only did they represent Edenside with an outstanding attitude, they were victorious and won the competition! Well done team.

Parent Council Obstacle course fundraiser: A huge vote of thanks to all families and friends of the school who sponsored our pupils to complete their indoor assault course. Pupils enjoyed the event and successfully raised approx.. £2092 towards school funds. Thank you also to our parent helpers who supported Miss Swanson in running the event.

Walk to school week: Our Junior Road Safety Officers (Murray and Summer) led a number of pupils who joined our 'walking bus' as we took part in Road Safety week. Thank you to Mrs Fleming for supporting this venture.

Children in Need 2018: Pupils (and staff) successfully completed Mr Bewsey's '300 mile challenge' in support of Children in Need. 300 children walked 1 mile each and together, we smashed our target. Thanks to our parent support crew too!

P4/5 and P5 Music Project: Supported by Kelso Music Society, these two classes took part in a day of musical learning and performance. The children really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the 'main event' in the New Year. Details to follow.

Other news

Reminder: Please remember that the bus lay-by outside school is for buses only and is not a car drop-off.

Free Books for School: Thank you to everyone who collected the Scottish Sun tokens. We have successfully reached the target and will be claiming the free books.

Pupil reports – a new approach: As you will know, we are now hosting 3 parent consultations this school year because we want to invest more time in meeting with you as parents and carers to discuss learning. The next two consultations (February and May) will be accompanied by a new *streamlined* written report that will provide key learning points. These new reports will replace the traditional annual report and will be part of the ongoing 'learning conversation' with you as parents and carers, which includes sharing curriculum overviews, Facebook and website communications and consultation appointments. Further details about the next consultation appointments and accompanying report will follow in the New Year.

Breakfast Club proposal: Thank you to all who responded to our survey, seeking to gauge potential interest in an Edenside breakfast club. There was a strong contingent in favour of such a provision so we are in the process of organising this. A start date and full details will be shared in due course.

Coming up

Tuesday 11th December: P6&7 Christmas Show 'Bah Humbug'

Thursday 20th December: 'Wear something-Christmassy' day (tinsel in hair or jumper or Santa hat) AND Christmas Dinner day. Please order through ParentPay.

Friday 21st December: Church service AND last day of term

Various: Christmas parties (thank you Parent Council for supporting these)

Monday 7th January: Back to school

Edenside Primary School – Be the best you can be!