

Mattocks Primary School

Newsletter

November 2013

Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the shoebox appeal. The Pupil Council filled over 20 boxes which are now on their way to Eastern Europe to make someone's Christmas very special.



School Choir

Well done to all the boys and girls from our newly formed choir who accompanied Charlotte Brimmer on stage during her recent 'Gig for Lennon'. The event raised over £700 towards this cause and the choir did themselves and our school proud! Well done!

Homework Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the online homework survey. We had 34 responses which are now being collated along with the pupil survey results. This will be most useful in informing how we move things forward in the future.

School Photos

After some initial confusion - the photographer was in school last Friday to take individual and family photos. Anyone wishing to purchase these via the school should ensure the form, along with payment, is returned to the school by Friday 22nd November.

P is for Philippines

This Friday - 22nd Nov. We are holding a '*Come as you P's Day*' in aid of the Philippines Typhoon Appeal. This idea has come from the pupils themselves and is very appropriate as all the classes will be studying aspects of weather this term.

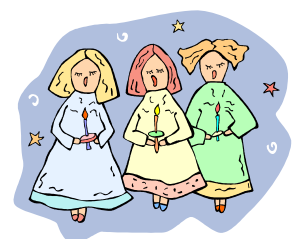
Pupils are asked to donate a minimum of £1 and in return they can come to school dressed as 'something beginning with P'. I imagine we will have great fun with Pirates and Princesses and Pink Ladies...etc. All to support a very good cause.

Christmas Concert

Unfortunately we have not been able to secure dates for the hall this year and as a result our Christmas performance will be in our school hall. There will be an afternoon and an evening show to try and accommodate as many friends and family who wish to attend (see Diary Dates). Tickets will be available from the office from 3rd Dec at a cost of £2 - including refreshments. Due to limited space tickets will be limited to 2 per family initially.

The Parent Council will be holding a raffle which will be drawn after the evening performance.

Any donations for raffle prizes will be



gratefully received at the school office.

Tea Towel

The pupils have all added their own drawings to a personalised 'Mattocks Tea Towel'.

These would make great Christmas and First Foot gifts!



These will be on sale soon in school priced £4.50 each.

M & M Productions - Christmas Panto

Travelling Theatre Company M&M Productions will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Monday 16th December to perform their version of Peter Pan. This will be a wonderful



show as M&M are renowned for their energy and enthusiasm. This will be for all pupils from Nursery to P7.

There will be a charge of £5 per head which should be paid to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to the Parent Council for their support in arranging this event.

Dates for you Diary

19th / 21st Nov - Parent Contact Evenings

22nd Nov - Come as You P's Day

27th Nov - Monifieth Christmas Lights - switching on ceremony (more info to follow for P5-7)

28th / 29th Nov - In-service days.

School closed to pupils

2nd Dec - St Andrew's Day holiday

3rd Dec - Christmas concert tickets available from today

5th Dec - School Christmas Lunch

6th Dec - Learning Journals home

12th Dec - Christmas Concert 2pm and 7pm (more details to follow)

16th Dec - M&M Panto for all pupils

18th Dec - Christmas Service 2pm - all welcome

19th Dec - Christmas Party

20th Dec - End of Term 12 noon.

6th Jan 2014 - Start of Term