



The Cuiken Callout

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What a busy time this has been and we are fully in the Christmas spirit! I am at the end of my first full term and I couldn't have received a warmer welcome from the whole school community. I am excited about the future and feel very lucky!

Staffing Updates

P1/2

We say goodbye to Mrs Carol Anne Brown who has been teaching in P1/2 since August. I would like to say thanks to Mrs Brown for all her hard work and we wish her well for the future. Miss Karen Hancock will be taking over full time in January.

P4/5

Mr Scott Palmer will be starting his new role in the school in January and Mrs Katrina Cummings will take over Thursday-Friday in P4/5 and job share with Ms Burns.

Provision

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rosie Campbell has been appointed as Principal Teacher and Miss Anita Le Tisser as class teacher within the provision. Both will be starting in January and we extend a warm welcome to our new team members.

Mrs Devine

Just a reminder that Mrs Devine will be retiring at the end of term and there is an opportunity to say goodbye to her on Wednesday 20th December at 3pm.

Christmas Show



Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for our Christmas show 'Countdown to Christmas'. I appreciate there has been a issue with the number of tickets available for the performances and want to assure you that we are looking to change our Christmas programme next year to include all our families.



School Clothing

Please can you ensure all school clothing is labelled including coats and jackets. This will make it so much easier when looking for missing items which at the moment is taking a considerable amount of time. There is also a huge amount of lost property so please come and check to see if anything belongs to your child!

Sharing our Learning Journey



If you wish to keep up-to-date with school information and events please 'like' the Cuiken Parent Council & Fundraisers facebook page, going to our school website at <http://cuiken.mgfl.net/>, and following twitter feed; @Cuiken_Primary. Our twitter now has 971 followers!

Learning Hub



I want to thank you for your patience while we have taken time to recruit our support for learning staff. Mrs Cummings and Mr Palmer will both be in post by 8th January 2018 and work is already under way to identify pupils who require additional support. We are going to be renaming support for learning to 'The Learning Hub' and there will be some changes to ensure the best for our learners. If your child has received additional support previously there will be an opportunity in January to meet the new team to discuss next steps-letters for this will be issued before the end of term.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was delicious and both staff and pupils enjoyed having the opportunity to eat together! A special mention to our fabulous kitchen staff who provided a lovely meal with festive cheer!



Beauty and The Beast

The whole school travelled through to Howden Park in Livingston to watch the performance of Beauty and the Beast. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and at times I felt staff were enjoying it more than the pupils! The pupils were a credit to the school and yet again left us all feeling very proud!





Parking around school

We are lucky to have lovely and supportive neighbours around our school, but we continue to have complaints about parents parking in and across private driveways, on corners and blocking cars in. We are aware that pick up and drop off times can be very busy outside, but we ask you to be respectful of our neighbours. We politely ask that you remain vigilant and follow our rules to safe parking:

1. If possible, walk to school or park in a safe parking space nearby and walk the rest of the way. (West Cairn Crescent, Brunstane Gardens and by Bellmans path are all good options)
2. Refrain from using resident driveways to stop, park or turn.
3. Be aware of road markings; zigzags on the road mean parking and stopping there is prohibited.
4. If stopped in a sensible place to collect, please turn your engine off while you wait.
5. Never reverse into a main road.
6. Be mindful of our crossing patrol and the space he needs to work.

SCHOOL BREAKS UP AT 12PM ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on 9th January 2018.

Claire Bond
Head Teacher

