



Luthermuir News



December, 2019

Reminder -



Mon - P6/7 party

Wed - P1-3 party

Thur - P4/5 party

17.12.19 -
Christmas Lunch

19.12.19 -
Christmas Church
Service @
9:45am



Dear Parent/Carer

As we have reached the end of the year, welcome to our final newsletter for 2019!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and all the staff at Luthermuir School to express our sincere thanks for all the support and commitment we have received from pupils, parents and indeed the wider community. Once again it has been an incredibly busy and successful year and as always we are extremely proud of the progress and achievements of all our young people, who have demonstrated that they are **READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE**.

We know that 2020 will bring changes at Luthermuir School but we are confident that the school is in a good place to embrace these changes and move forward positively.

Kind Regards
Fiona Thomson

Learning Assembly and Café

On **Wednesday 13th November**, our P4/5 pupils shared their learning in relation to Literacy and their work around 'Talk 4 Writing'. We were delighted to see many of you there and look forward to our next Learning Assembly which will be led by P1-3 on Thursday 27th Feb.

Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council held their second meeting on Thursday 5th December. The focus of the meeting was on fundraising ideas. All reps will feedback ideas to their class and agree focus at next meeting.

Next Meeting: January 2020 (GP Room)

Article 12 - Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.



Raising Attainment and Achievement

Ms Wells is leading development work on 'Making Thinking Visible' with staff. Through this approach we are exploring ways of increasing pupil engagement, developing their creativity and thinking and encouraging them to be leaders of their own learning.

Staff representatives have also attended numeracy training from 'Count on us' as part of our school improvement plan this term. The training and resources are designed to support conceptual understanding in maths and numeracy, building on and linking the principles of concrete, pictorial and the abstract learning process. If you are interested in finding out more please visit their website on the following link <https://www.countonus.org.uk/>.

Youth Music Initiative

Our P5-7 pupils will start the YMI Bagpipe Experience on Thursday 6th Feb. P5-7 will also engage in the YMI 'Language of the Lands' project next term. This project runs over 4 sessions, led by Jason Singh. The project will explore landscape and place and will mention Grassic Gibbon as an author who lived in the area and whose work was written in Scots and was inspired by the land. Jason Singh performed in the Lost Words BBC Prom earlier this year - you may be familiar with the book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris <https://www.thelostwords.org/book/> and some of the project will be informed by these lost words.

Article 31 - Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

HMT presents Cinderella

All our pupils attended HMT, Aberdeen for the panto production 'Cinderella' on Wednesday 11th December. Once again, I would like to express our thanks to **DM Carnegie** for funding the transport, **our PTA** for subsidising the tickets and **NFU** for providing ice cream for everyone. The children's engagement and behaviour at the theatre was outstanding and a lovely afternoon was had by all!

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

As part of our school development priority focusing on 'Social and Emotional Wellbeing' staff have been engaging in reading and discussion this term using the work from Paul Dix. 'When the adult changes, everything changes'

As a team, we have agreed what we want our school to be like and what the visible consistencies will be. The following was agreed by all staff:

- All staff will 'Meet and greet' their pupils as they enter the school/classroom in the morning;
- All staff will encourage and model smart walking
- Children who are going 'above and beyond' will be rewarded with Hot Chocolate with the Heedie!



As part of this theme, Children also enjoyed a visit from Chris Duke, Author of 'Lucy's Blue Day'. The book is written to help children understand and talk about their emotions, encouraging mental health awareness and links well to the health and wellbeing curriculum taught across primary school stages. All our pupils engaged with Chris enthusiastically, asked a range of relevant questions and showed respect and understanding.

Reporting on Children's Progress

Staff and pupils will continue to share learning through Seesaw, exploring the different ways in which it can be used to have the best impact. For those of you who did not make it along to our Christmas Songs and Café, we hope you appreciated the videos shared on Seesaw! Please feel free to get in touch with any feedback and suggestions. We do hope that using this you feel more informed about what your child is learning in school. We plan to moderate how it is being used at the start of next term to ensure a consistent and progressive approach across the classes.