

## Duns Primary School Newsletter Update December 2016

### Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs Aitchison who will be teaching P.E. on a Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the term due to Mr Gracey taking up a PT Guidance post at BHS.

Mrs Stewart will be on long term absence until the New Year. Mrs Donkin and Mr Maunder will continue to lead the school for the remainder of the term.

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Matthew Benson is the preferred candidate for the teaching post in P7M. We look forward to welcoming him in the next few weeks once the relevant HR processes have run their course.

We say good-bye to Mr Birkett, Mrs Gold and Miss Dalgety at the end of this term. We would like to say a huge thank-you to them for all their hard work. We wish Miss Dalgety 'Bon Voyage' as she heads off travelling and are currently recruiting for a class teacher for P6D. We welcome back Mrs Allan in the New Year as she returns to work following her maternity leave. Mrs Allan will be at school on a part time basis in the first instance and our plan at this stage is for her to replace Mrs Gold and Mr Birkett in their respective classes (P2D and P7M) in addition to providing cover in other classes.

### Resilient Schools

During bad weather S.B.C has in place a Resilient Schools procedure. This means that schools across S.B.C will remain open where possible and will be staffed by teachers who live in the local community. Due to staff availability within the locality, in the event of resilient schools being called please note that **school is closed to all pupils in Nursery and Primary 1 and all pupils who travel by school transport.** The school will be open to pupils from P2-P7 who do not have an entitlement to school transport (ie those who walk).

### Christmas Fair

A huge thank-you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair. We raised a grand total of £1370!

### Christmas Jumper Day

...is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December! Dig out your Christmas jumpers (or adapt your own) and wear to school. Any donations to 'Save the Children' will be gratefully received.

### Mobile Phones

We recommend that pupils do not bring mobile phones to school. We appreciate that at times older pupils may require them for after school communication.

Should your child bring their phone to school they must be named and handed into the school office or to the class teacher during registration for safe keeping.

### Dates for your Diary

**Macmillan Concert-** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Duns Parish Church, 7.00pm (Choir to arrive at 6:30pm)

**R.D.A Nativities-** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:15

**Sing at The Knoll/ Senior Citizen's Party**  
Primary 5L singing- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> (The Knoll) and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (Party)

**Berwickshire High School Christmas**

**Concerts-** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm (Choir to arrive at 6:00pm)

**Christmas Jumper Day -** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**P1/2/3 Christmas Performances-** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Volunteer Hall 1:30pm

**Nursery Christmas Performance-** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11am and 3pm

### Christmas Parties

19<sup>th</sup> P6 Party

20<sup>th</sup> P1-4 Party

21<sup>st</sup> P5 Party / School Christmas Lunch

22<sup>nd</sup> P7 Party / School Church Service

22<sup>nd</sup> Last Day of Term

**ALL STAFF AND PUPILS WISH YOU A  
HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**

