



16<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find a mid year Report attached to this month's Newsletter. This Report provides information on progress with our School Improvement Plan. Also attached is an update from our Eco Group.

There has been a real buzz around the school during the last few weeks. At the beginning of the month the children and staff worked together to make lovely colourful decorations to decorate the classrooms and we put up our Christmas Tree at the main entrance so everyone who visits the school is greeted by it. The Christmas Film Festival was enjoyed by all. A big Thank You to Primary 4 who organised this so well, taking on a variety of jobs to ensure the festival was a big success. Thank you to all the classes and staff who contributed to our Christmas craft and food stalls too. Please use the tear off slip to provide any comments or feedback on this festival.

Our first Christmas party was P6 and P7 on Friday. It's P4 and 5 this afternoon and then P1, P2 and P3 tomorrow afternoon. Then the children are off to the Pantomime in the SECC on Wednesday afternoon. Please note that the buses are not due to leave Glasgow until 3.30pm so, depending on traffic, will not return to Spittal until approximately 4pm.

#### Pupil Council

The Pupil Council meet monthly and during these meetings they talk about suggestions they have or that their classmates have passed on to them. Last month we had a few questions and suggestions about school dinners so I have invited the Catering Manager into school to hear these at our meeting tomorrow.

I met with our Pupil Council Reps today to have Learning Discussions about Language and Maths. The children talked enthusiastically about their learning telling me the activities they enjoy most in school and for homework.

#### Saint Andrew's Disco and Toy Sale

The Parent Council provided a disco for Saint Andrew's celebrations at the end of last month. This was a great success with many children coming along and having a great

time dancing and having their face painted. The Parent Council also organised a Toy Sale and the children thoroughly enjoyed buying some bargain toys.

### Online Safety

We are planning some online safety activities and lessons for our P6 class next term. More and more children access the internet for games, information and social media and we think it's important to provide them with information and strategies on how to keep safe online. We will be organising a Parent Event on this theme later in the year.

### School Handbook

We have just updated our School Handbook and this will be accessible via our school website at the start of the new term.

### P1 Enrolment

Enrolment time in South Lanarkshire is the second week of term in January. We are enrolling new P1 pupils on the following days:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January            9am and 3pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January           9am and 3pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January    1pm

During these times, we invite P1 Parents to enrol their child. Please come to the School Office, bringing your child's full birth certificate and two recent proofs of address.

### P4 Homework Survey

Miss Fillingham has issued a Homework Survey for pupils in P4. We are interested in hearing your views on Homework. We will write to P4 Parents in January in response to comments and feedback received.

### Email addresses

If you would like to receive the monthly school newsletters or any class letters via email, could you sent an email to the following address please:

[info@spittal-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:info@spittal-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

This way we can save all addresses into a group and make sure we reply to the correct address.

We hope you can come along to our Christmas Service, here in the school, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Primary 1 and 2 will be performing the Nativity, P3 will be singing, we will hear musical pieces from our newest musicians and the Choir will entertain us with some festive tunes.

School will close for the Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm on Friday.

All the staff at Spittal Primary wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Lorna Harvey

Head Teacher

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Feedback and Comments on the P4 Christmas Film