Dear Parents/Carers

Very positive verbal feedback was received on Friday morning from the unannounced Care Inspectorate Visit which took place on Monday afternoon of last week.

Many areas of strength were highlighted and I can share with you that the Nursery received evaluations of Very Good, both for Care and Support and Leadership and Management.

It is always affirming to receive praise on the work that the pupils, parents / carers and staff are involved in. Very well done to all of our team, Mrs Mackay, Mrs Roxburgh, Mrs Mc Cracken and Mrs Angus.

We will receive the draft report shortly and will be able to share the final report when it is published.

Many thanks to the parents who completed the questionnaires in June. These were very helpful and formed the basis of the inspection.

Pupil Achievements
Just a note to say Lorcan (P5b) has just passed his grade 1 piano exam with ABRSM. Delighted for him, What a great achievement. Well done, Lorcan!

Cinema Trip
Children can wear Christmas accessories that day, and bring a snack and a drink (in a plastic bottle or carton)
A big thank-you to the Parent Council who very kindly are funding the transport costs and cost of the ticket for those in receipt of benefits. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Play in a Pod- Play Ranger Date
These take place on Thursday of this week. Groups of pupils, from Nursery to P7 will participate in workshops throughout the day. The large container, which is in the playground, will be decorated, by a graffiti artist with ideas from the children, in early January. Everyone is looking forward to being creative with the new materials in the New Year.

P7 Enterprise
P7 A and B will be hosting their own Christmas Fair, as an enterprise project this Friday after break in the P7 huts. All the arts and crafts have been made by the pupils and are available to buy.

Christmas shows and concerts
Next week on Monday 12th December at 1.45pm - Our P1 Nativity will take place and on Thursday evening, the Choir Panto will take place at 6pm. All welcome.

On Wednesday 14th December, our violinists in P5-7 and cellists in P7 will perform in the Annual Area Concert at the new Portobello High School at 5pm. Looking forward to seeing many parents there.
Advent Food Bank
Many thanks for all of the families who have donated to the Food Bank so far. There is still time...

Our Advent celebration will take place in school for pupils, at 9.15am on Friday morning. Primary 3 pupils will prepare the celebration, which will be led by Fr Jock. It would be ideal if every pupil could bring in one item on that day, if not already done so. A small tin, or packet is ideal.

Website and Twitter accounts
Please keep checking for information.

Winter viruses
Another reminder to parents that in recent years the City of Edinburgh Council has experienced many cases of Norovirus within its schools. There are preventative measures which parents can support us with. Thorough hand washing is the simplest and most important infection control measure.

If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. Should your child have an attack of vomiting/diarrhoea they should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

In the most extreme cases, schools have had to be closed and major events cancelled. Please help us with hygiene in our school.

Parent Council Roller Disco
A big thank you to, Julie O’ Hanlon, Sharon Mc Leay and their team, who organised the Roller Disco for the pupils. A real triumph! Thank you so much for organising a new venture for the boys and girls.

Carol Singing
Primary 4 boys and girls are very busy carolling in Portobello this week. Real festive cheer for the senior citizens in the Portobello Churches.

Christmas Parties
- Friday 16th Dec  P7 party (AM)
- Mon 19th December (PM)  P6 Party (AM)  P3 Party
- Tues 20th December (PM)  P5 Party (AM)  P2 Party
- Wed 21st December (PM)  P4 Party (AM)  P1 Party
- Thurs 22nd December  Whole School & Nursery Carol Party

Term ends - 12.00noon for pupils

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Ms. Barbara A Service