



December has passed in a flash, there's been lots of hard work and lots of fun. The children have enjoyed lots of opportunities to show off their musical talents: at the switch on of the Christmas lights, their show, 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and in the Distillery coffee shop. We have some very talented performers!

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete our curriculum questionnaire, it is clear that we all share the same vision of a happy school where the underpinning principles of our curriculum are reflected in our school motto 'Small School, Big Heart' and our school values, "Caring, Responsibility, Fun and Fairness'.

You have also given us some ideas about how to involve more members of the community in the life and work of the school. We discussed some of the ideas at Wednesday's Parent Council Meeting and we will consult with the Pupil Council in the New Year, watch this space!

We intend refreshing our programme of study in the summer term and would like to involve parents and children; if this is something that you think you would be interested in, please let us know.

Please find below some **dates for your diary**:

Thursday 7th January: Children return to school

Wednesday 27th January @ 2.30 – 4.00: family learning session re iPads (more information to follow)

Friday 29th January @ 2.00: Scottish Assembly (more information to follow)

Saturday 30th January: Coffee Morning / Bric a Brac Sale (more information to follow)

Engaging Parents Conference

Please see information below regarding the 'Engaging Parents' Conference being held by Education Scotland on 30th January 2016 at Lornshill Academy from 9.30am – 1pm. During the day participants will have the opportunity to hear key messages and attend workshops which exemplify these. There will be the opportunity to engage in conversation with presenters, fellow parents and colleagues.

Aims of the day are for participants to:

1. Understand how PE has evolved and recognise the difference between Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport
2. Understand the importance of Physical Education in supporting learning
3. Find out how partnerships can be developed between home and school

To register for this event, please sign up using the Survey Monkey Link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/engagingparentsinPE>

Information

We have been asked to let you know that on 24th Dec @ 7 pm Kilmadock church are having a family service where kids can come in pjs and bring a teddy. Singing story and spiced apple juice.

We would like to thank parents and members of the wider community for the support you have given us this year! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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