

CATTERLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

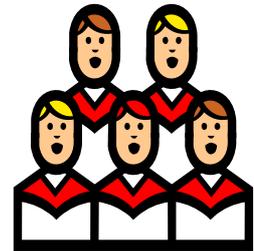
NEWSLETTER NO 4



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Dear Parents,

On my way into school this morning I heard the radio presenter announce, between the school closures, that there are only 30 days to go until Christmas! This means there are only 16 until our Christmas Concert! Where has this month gone? The children are all very busy practising their songs for Tuesday 14th December, 2010 and are looking forward to entertaining you then.



We are also looking forward to the Christmas Coffee Morning this Saturday, the 27th December, 2010. The pupils have been busy creating Christmas Crafts to sell. We hope you can make it along. At this moment the event is set to go ahead, but we will let you know if there is to be any change to this, due to adverse weather conditions.

An Inheritance

I am writing to you with some very good news for Catterline School. The school has been named as one of the beneficiaries in the estate of the late Mr Robert Marr. Mr Marr has kindly bequeathed one-tenth of his estate to Catterline School. Mr Marr resided at the property known as, "Collieswells" at Crawton. He does not have any family and so has left his estate to charities as well as ourselves. I am unable to give you an exact figure, as Income Tax is yet to be calculated and solicitors' fees deducted. However the solicitors have recently quoted us the figure of, £53, 265, 026, before any of these deductions are made.

This news was shared with the parent body at our last Parent Group meeting. At the meeting it was agreed we should seek the views of all parents and our pupils, as to how we spend this wonderful amount of money. We are keen to hear your ideas and you will therefore have the opportunity to let us know your suggestions at the Christmas Coffee Morning on the 27th November. Please come along and share any ideas you have. Should you be unable to come on the 27th, please do not hesitate to contact me with

your idea, via, email, telephone, note, or by dropping in to see me at school. Obviously we are looking for ideas that will enhance the educational provision we can offer the pupils of Catterline School.

We are keen for the inheritance not to be used to fund resources such as paper, pencils and jotters. Nor, would we like to see it used to maintain the school buildings. These are all areas the Council has a duty to provide funding in for our pupils.

There is a proviso in Mr Marr's will and that is that the executors of the will must approve our plans for the money. Because this money has been inherited to the school, the Council will not have any legal right to access this money. The funds will therefore be placed into a separate account. I would be keen for a committee to be set up in the managing of this account, as it means all decisions made and actions taken are open and transparent. I will keep everyone fully informed about what is happening throughout the process. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you would like to be involved in this way. More details to follow soon regarding this.

Crossing the Road Safely

Now that all of the children go home at the same time, we are finding the street outside the school is much busier with traffic. Having been at the gate as the pupils are trying to cross the road to make their way home, I realised how difficult it is to see beyond the bus when crossing either of the roads. Therefore the pupils, who are walking home, **without an adult**, are going to wait in the playground for the bus to leave. The children know they can wait under the shelter of the building at the front door, or in the main building of the school if the weather is wet. So that the children do not have to wait for too long, the teachers will ensure they have the pupils out the door as close to 3:15 p.m. as they can. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Thank you to everyone for the consideration they have shown to the school bus driver in leaving space for it to turn at the top of the road. It's very much appreciated.

School Cleaner

Unfortunately Mrs Karyn Mowatt, the cleaner who was appointed following Mrs Cabrelli's retirement, has since handed in her notice, having attained a post which suited her personal circumstances better, in terms of hours worked. The school is presently being cleaned by a Relief Cleaner while Aberdeenshire Council's Cleaning Services Department appoint someone. If you are interested in this position or know someone who might be, further information can be found on Aberdeenshire Council's website: <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/vacancies/index.asp>.

Information can also be obtained by calling Stephen Kelly, Team Leader, Cleaning Services, on: **01261 813255**. Mr Kelly will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. If you would rather speak to someone you know, in the first instance, please just give me a call.

Junior Badminton Sessions at Mackie Academy

Aberdeenshire Junior Badminton Squad

We have received some information about badminton sessions at Mackie Academy. Friday evening sessions are coach led and are organised by Aberdeenshire Council. Places are available on a first come, first served basis. These sessions are from, 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm, or from, 7:50 pm - 8:45 pm. New members are to attend the earlier session, unless otherwise notified.

The dates are as follows:

- 26th November, 2010
- 3rd December, 2010
- 10th December, 2010
- 17th December, 2010

The cost for the Friday evening training is £12:00 per pupil.

Junior Badminton Play and Pay Sessions

On Saturday mornings coaching is available from 11 am - 1 pm for Improvers and from, 1 pm - 3 pm for competitive, competent players. These are, 'Pay and Play Sessions', with each session costing £2:00. Available dates are as follows:

- 4th December, 2010
- 11th December, 2010
- 18th December, 2010

This block of sessions costs £12:0 per child.

If your child is interested in participating in either the Friday evening or the Saturday sessions, please phone the School Office and we will send home the appropriate forms. Please do not send any money to school as this has to be returned to the organisers with the forms. Thank you.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

Thank you all very much indeed for your fantastic response to our Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. I am sure many children and their families will be touched by your generosity and will be absolutely delighted when they open their boxes.

Volunteers Needed!

- 1 As usual we will borrow staging from Mackie Academy for the concert, using either a large van or a trailer. Please call the school if you are able to offer help with this task.
- 2 We would very much welcome any offers of home baking for the Christmas party dates. Thank you to those of you who have already offered your services. Again, please contact the school office if you are able to help in this way.



Thank you - we look forward to hearing from you!

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Coffee Morning	Saturday 27 th November, 10 am -12:30 pm
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 9 th December
Christmas Post Box Week	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th December
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 14 th December, 1.45 pm and 7.00 pm
Primary 5/6/7 Christmas Party	Thursday 16 th December, 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm
Primary 1/2	Friday 17 th December, 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm
Primary 3/4 Christmas Party	Friday 17 th December, 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm
Christmas Service	Tuesday 21 st December, 10.45 am
Last Day of Term 2	Tuesday 21 st December 2010
First Day of Term 3	Wednesday 5 th January 2011.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Fowler
Head Teacher

