

# CATTERLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO 5



**December 2010**

Dear Parents

Here we are at the end of 2010 already! 2010 has really flown by, although all this snow has slowed down the speed at which December has gone by at! Let's hope the New Year brings much less snow with it and we can all get back to normality. Thank you to all for your understanding throughout the past month while the Arctic blast has come our way.



### **Christmas Concert**

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Concert. It was super to see so many people there to support the pupils. I'm sure you will agree that the children were fantastic. Well done girls and boys!

**Thank you....** to everyone who sent the staff and pupils; gifts, good wishes and donations. It was very kind of you all.

A very special thanks must go to Primary 5/6/7 who organised, bought and shopped for the Christmas parties as part of their Enterprise project. Well done! Thank you also, to those of you who baked for the parties. The children in Primary 5/6/7 thoroughly enjoyed eating the cakes at their party last Thursday afternoon!

As I am writing this, I am typing with my fingers practically crossed, hoping that Primary 1/2 and Primary 3/4 have their party on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, after having had to postpone it on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Should school be closed on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and we have to reschedule the party again, we will hold it on the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January and will think of it as a Hogmanay Party!

### **Christmas Lunch**

A big thank you must also go to Mrs Strachan and Ms Baine who prepared a beautiful Christmas lunch which we all enjoyed on the 9<sup>th</sup> December – That seems like a very long time ago now! Mrs Strachan and Ms Baine always go the extra mile for the children, adding their own special touches. The children really loved their iced shortbread snowmen. They also do a wonderful job in preparing a wonderful selection of fruit for the children to enjoy at the parties.

### **Christmas Tree**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Community Council who very kindly sent us a Christmas gift. We greatly appreciate this and have used it to purchase our school Christmas tree.



### **Christmas Coffee**

Thank you to everyone who supported, and helped run, our Christmas Coffee, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Despite the wintry conditions, the morning was hugely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The pupils had done a tremendous job creating Christmas crafts which sold very well indeed. This year the children produced wrapping paper, calendars, diva lamps, books, place mats and clay cottages. Primary 5/6/7 sold their Catterline Treasure Trail pamphlets. This is a great activity for the holidays, and so if you like to solve clues and you enjoy walking in the local area, this could be just the Christmas entertainment you're looking for! If you are interested in buying one of the Treasure Trails, at a cost of £3:50, please contact the School Office.

### **Charities**

This term has seen us support several charities. In Supporting UNICEF we raised £69. We also supported the National Poppy Appeal and raised £60. Thank you to you all for your generosity.



For Children in Need, Martha Roseweir, Primary 4, sold her home baking to everyone – and I mean everyone, her wares were highly sought after! She made the staggering total of £100. Well done Martha and thanks for the delicious cakes! Thank you too, to Pudsey Bear who visited that morning!

## Next Term

We are very much looking forward to M&M Theatrical Productions coming to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to perform **The Hobbit** for the whole school.

## Bag2School Collection

For those of you, who enjoy a good clear out in the New Year, you will be delighted to know that we are having a Bag2School collection in the second week back after the holidays. We will send the bags home in the first week of next term. However, if you are keen to get started before then, the company are happy to accept textiles that have been bagged up in bin liners. The lorry will be arriving to collect the bags from school on the morning of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, so please drop off any donations on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. For every kilogram collected the school receives 50 pence. We would therefore be delighted if you can support us in this fund raiser.



## Admission to Pre-School – Session 2011 / 2012

Although we do not have a nursery class at Catterline School, I thought it may be useful for those of you with younger children or with friends/family with younger children, to know that registering for a pre-school place in session 2011/2012 is set to take place over a two week period, from **17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011**. Please contact the pre-school centre that would be your first choice for further information.

## Admission to Primary 1 – Session 2011 / 2012

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 are invited to enrol in Primary 1 for admission in August 2011.

All parents requesting a deferred entry into Primary 1 for their child must discuss this first with the Head Teacher of their zoned Primary school. If you wish to enrol your child, please collect an enrolment pack from the school during the week,

**31<sup>st</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Parents/Carers should take their child's birth certificate to the school.**

Opportunities will be given at a later date for our new entrants to visit the school. Please pass this information on to any families you are aware of, to whom this applies. Any families who are unfamiliar with the school are most welcome to arrange a visit, before deciding if Catterline School is for them, so please pass this on too. Thank you.

## National & Occasional Holiday Dates

As you will have heard, the date for the Royal Wedding is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 and will therefore be a national holiday. This date was one of our occasional days this session, and so Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June has been selected as the new occasional day holiday.

## Dates for your Diaries

Term 2 ends	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2010
Term 3 begins	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
Primary 1 Enrolment	During week 31 <sup>st</sup> January – 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Parent Group Meeting	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2011
Occasional Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
In-Set Day 5	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
In-set Day 6	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2011
Term 3 ends	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011
Term 4 begins	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2011

And finally.....

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Melanie Fowler, Head Teacher.

