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Head of Centre – Lynn McNair

Parents Newsletter – October 2007

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to write to you on this very beautiful October Day as the children in the garden are playing and learning (by osmosis), sniffing the wonderful autumnal smells, listening to the crunching of leaves underfoot, observing our beautiful Rowan trees becoming stripped of leaves...

Eco / Healthy Schools update

We are waiting on a response from Eco-Schools about our application for our 2nd Green Flag.

Our Healthy Schools Application is ready to be admitted. Well done Jane (our healthy-school co-ordinator) for all your very hard work.

If any parent would like to join our eco/healthy school committee could they please let Jane / Lorraine know? Our very healthy committees became depleted when our children moved on to primary school. Time to recruit. We tend to meet once during the academic term, approximately three times each year. So if you think you could spare the time...please join, we need you.



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Parents Web Forum

The web forum is now on our website (on the contact page). Please do go on and register.

Managing Behaviour

Would you like us to organise an event for parents on 'Promoting Positive Behaviour'? This event could be an opportunity to share and discuss practice both at home and here in the centre. Please do let Linda, Karen, Lorraine or myself know if this is something that interests you. From this information we can then discuss content, where and when etc.

Parents Council / Forum

Linda has informed me that the parents' constitution has now been written (in draft) and will be circulated to all parents by the week ending 26th October. Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you letter

I hope you have had an opportunity to read the letter from our visitors from Louise Hill at Carlisle College. Louise brought tutors and students along to visit Cowgate after hearing lovely things about us. The letter is displayed in the vestibule.



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Le Club Francais

We seem to have a leftover 'Le Club Francais' CD. Can all families of children who attend the French Class please confirm they have the CD with their pack?

Staff Awards

Earlier this year we nominated Dave (SSO) for the council staff award. Itske suggested Dave and we unanimously agreed it was a fantastic choice. Dave is now in the top three, the winner will be announced on Wednesday 31st October. No matter what happens Dave is a winner in all our eyes. Keeping our fingers crossed.

Please see attached information for our Christmas arrangements this year.

Yours faithfully

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Christmas Arrangements 2007

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 8th December 12-3pm**. It will have an international theme with stalls from around the world. We would be very grateful for parents support with this. Please see Amie if you can contribute, by sharing your knowledge and expertise, time or resources.

Nativity Play

Our Nativity Play this year is called '**it's a baby**'. This is a traditional Christmas story, but with a difference! Told from the perspective of a weary innkeeper who finds he's in for a restless night. Funny, melodic and instantly singable. Running time is approximately 25 minutes.

Our arrangements this year are:



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Where: The Mid-Lothian Suite in the Parliament Buildings (City Chambers is unavailable this year).

When: Tuesday 18th December @ 10.30am (rehearsal Monday 17th December).

Tickets: Tickets are due to go on sale mid-November @ £2.00 each. (There are only 80 seats so if you or family members would like to attend please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment).

Music: Betty (Cooper) our music teacher will begin teaching the children the songs very soon. We will also have books available for parents to buy at £1.00 (mid-November) for the children to practice at home with their families.

All proceeds will be going to the cost of the hall.

Christmas Outing

Our Christmas Outing will be at Almond Valley Heritage Trust, Millfield, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 7AR on **Thursday 20th December**.

Almond Valley is a special place where the children (and their parents should you choose to come) will have the opportunity to join in Christmas crafts and enjoy the magic of a traditional Christmas. Detailed information to follow this newsletter.



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