

# Hatton (Cruden) School Newsletter

January 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I'm excited to see what 2024 has in store for us all! It's already busy, busy, busy! Here are some important notices and dates:

## Primary 1 Enrolments

All children who reach their 5th birthday by 28th February 2025 are invited to register for Primary 1 admission in August 2024. Parents can apply to schools in their catchment area, or they can place an out of zone request when applying for a school. For further information, please see the letter which was sent out at the same time as this newsletter. It would be helpful if you could let the wider community know about the enrolments taking place from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## Changes to School Gate Entrance

In consultation with Aberdeenshire Council's property service and janitorial team, all pupils, parents/ carers, visitors, and staff are to use our main entrance to enter our school. The double gates at the top of the lane are for access only. On a daily basis, this access entry will only be used for our catering team and may be used pupils taking their bicycles/ scooters to school. Anyone else (including visitors/ council workers) who need to use these gates to access the school e.g., for deliveries, must come straight to the school office first to be granted access. Having participated in various risk assessment procedures, I have deemed it necessary to still use these gates at the end of the school day to support the pupils' departure from school. Therefore, those pupils who already depart from here will still leave these gates at the end of the school day. This will be introduced as of **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Within the next two weeks we will be putting the following measures in place to support this transition

- Discussions will be held in our assemblies to inform the pupils of this change.
- Our P1.2 & P2.3 classes will spend some time practising coming into through the main gate and walking up to the annexe playground for those who aren't used to entering through this way. All pupils who get the school bus already enter via the main gate and so will already be used to doing this.
- Your child can begin to use the main entrance straight away whilst you wait in the lane so you can support them with entering if this is something you think they may need extra practice with.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and co-operation with this.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

- Class Newsletters sent out

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

- Robert Burns Day

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- School holiday

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

- School holiday

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- In-service Day

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

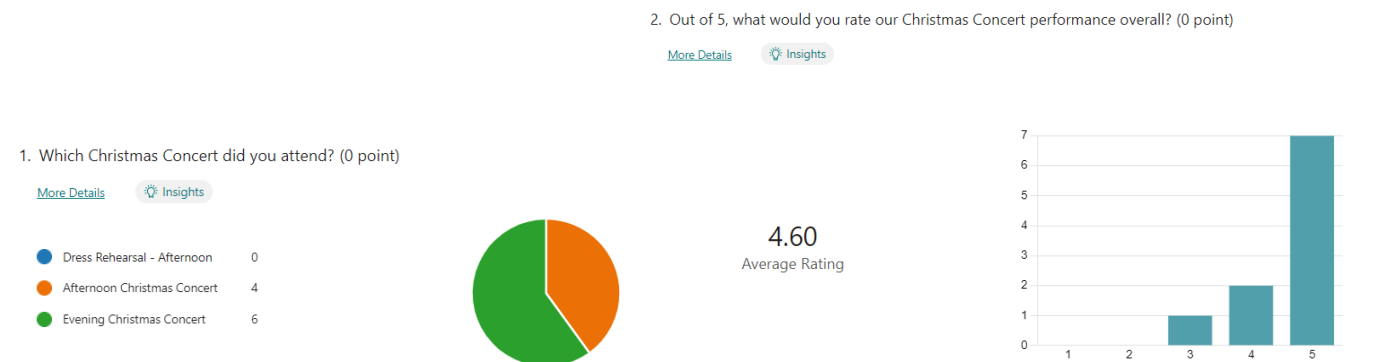
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## Adverse weather

Please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. This is detailed in the adverse weather letter which was sent out last term. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so, please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. Please note, janitors are not responsible for gritting the school playground, only the main pathway. Therefore, during icy weather we recommend coming to school as close to 9am as possible. Thank you.

## Christmas Concert Feedback

Thank you very much for everyone who came along to our Christmas Concerts this year. I am sure you will all agree the pupils performed brilliantly. I would also like to thank all parents/ carers who provided feedback in relation to our Christmas Concerts as it really helps us to make improvements year on year. Here are some of the comments and actions we have/ will undertake to make our future concerts enjoyable for all.



Some Additional Comments/ Feedback	School Comments/ Actions (where appropriate)
<i>"Very grateful to be given the opportunity to come and watch. Appreciate the hard work put in by the teachers to make this event happen."</i>	Thank you very much and we thoroughly enjoyed having all parents and carers in attendance
When asked what we could we improve. - <i>"A more inclusive performance that includes P4-7 in the play. Some comedy / laughs and a higher stage so everyone can see"</i>	Thank you very much for this comment. This was our first year opening up the nativity section to include a second class (as it has always been the P1/P1.2 class only) and with it being such a success we will certainly take this feedback on board for future years. In terms of our stage as our hall doesn't have a static stage, we are restricted to this stage height for installation and safety reasons unfortunately.
When asked what we could we improve. <i>"Microphones for the P1/P2 &amp; P2/P3 part of the concert, it was very hard to hear speech in places."</i>	That is great feedback and certainly something we can explore for future concerts.
<i>"Overall, I wanted to share my comment here that the Christmas concert was great. Every child turned out fantastic and was dressed festively."</i>	Thank you very much for attending and your helpful feedback.

We had even more feedback and I will be sharing this at our next staff meeting to inform our future Christmas Concert planning,

## Clever Touch Screen Fundraising Update

As many of you will already know we received a grant of over £10, 175 to get new clever touch screens installed to each of our 5 classes and are fundraising the rest to have them installed. To get all 5 classes installed with these clever touch screens it will cost a total of £19, 481. We are overwhelmed by the tremendous support we have had from our pupils, parents and wider school community meaning that we are well on our way to reaching our fundraising goal. On behalf of all pupils and staff at Hatton (Cruden) School I would like to thank

- JBS Group (Scotland) Ltd for their incredible donation of £1000
- All those who donated throughout our Christmas Concerts which raised £158.54
- Jog Scoltand Hatton who donated £80
- Hudson in Primary 1, who with help from his parents donated a fantastic £300
- All those who sponsored our pupils and staff in our sponsored walk which raised £1475 thus far
- The Bakers for allowing our Higgy Helpers pupil group to put in a donation box. The amount raised here along with donations from Christmas jumper day came to £52.04

This means, that along with the £1000 we won as part of the Evening Express competition, our total so far is £4065.58. There is still more to come with some of the money raised at the Parent Council's shopping event to be added.

## Scots Show Fundraiser

Robert Burns day is traditionally celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> January every year. To mark this occasion, our entire school is going to take part in a Scots Poetry Competition where they will rehearse a Scots Poem to present this to their class. Three pupils will then be chosen from each class to then present their poem in front of Mrs Beattie who will choose the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The pupils will receive more information from their class teachers if they have not done so already. We are also planning to have a Scots Show this term where pupils will have the opportunity to recite their poems to parents and carers. More information about this will be coming very soon. This is something we would love to open up to the wider community also, so if you know of someone who has a fantastic Scottish themed talent or is fantastic at reciting Doric poems, please contact our school office on 01779 403710, we would love to have you join us.

## 'Sharing our Learning' via Google Classroom

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are developing our approaches to Profiling as a way of sharing our pupils' learning here at Hatton (Cruden) School. The following overview has been developed to show how children's learning is captured and shared.

### Sharing your Child's Learning

We are using Google Classroom as our main online platform to share learning. In December, we hosted an information session to introduce this platform and invited all parents and carers to attend. Please see the handout below to help navigate this online platform.

### Google Classroom Parent Learning Event Handout

If you haven't already, you can complete the survey below to give permission to be added to your child's Google Classroom. You receive regular updates about their learning, and access their pupil profiling:

<https://forms.office.com/e/mqK4hvRvqf>



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