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“When you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”

December 2018

**“The best times are always found
when friends and family gather round.”**



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HOUSE TROPHY CURRENT RESULTS

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554	759	688	564

This month has been incredibly busy at Hazlehead as we embrace the festive season! Here are some of our highlights.

Christmas Shows

Despite an unexpected school closure which impacted on rehearsals, both P1-P3 and P4-P7 delivered quality performances that were very much crowd pleasers! The Nursery also performed to parents this week much to the delight of their proud audience. Over £300 was raised for our chosen charities. Many thanks.

School Choir

The choir has been extremely busy this month, with numerous engagements in and around Aberdeen. This has included Chevron, Hazlehead Winter Wonderland, Angusfield Care Home and the Evening Express Concert. Congratulations to all the pupils who have been involved in our choir. Your commitment to the choir is commendable. You really are role models to our school.



Craigiebuckler Concert



Congratulations to all the pupils who participated in our annual concert at Craigiebuckler Church this week. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all. It's so great to see the range of musical talents of our pupils as many of them receive tuition during the school week at Hazlehead. Pupils demonstrated great confidence and resilience performing individually and collectively to the audience – even when minor hiccups arose!!

Winter Wonderland

Last Sunday saw another very successful Winter Wonderland at Hazlehead Park. The school was heavily involved in this festive community event and great fun was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the parents and families who volunteered to make the event a success and to continue to strengthen the collaboration between our school and Friends of Hazlehead.

5K Walk

Despite the inclement weather, the planned 5K walk by our Pupil Council, in partnership with Active Schools, was a resounding success. £3646 was raised for our chosen charities.

Christmas Lunch

A big thank you to Stephanie, our talented cook, and catering staff for yet another great Christmas lunch. The children had a fantastic time and the food was delicious.



Christmas Party

A big thank you to the Parent Council for helping to fund and organise the catering for this year's Christmas parties. It was much appreciated by all.

Aberdeen Cyrenians Food Collection

Thank you to all families who donated for our Aberdeen Cyrenians Food Collection this year. The donations were greatly appreciated as you can see from the following link:



<https://www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/2018/12/food-bank-delivery/>

Online Applications

The applications process for primary and secondary school places is changing. To make it easier to apply, Aberdeen City Council is introducing online applications for children starting or moving schools in 2019. The online application form and full information on how to complete it will be available on the Aberdeen City Council website in early January: Online School Place Applications.

If you're unable to access the internet to apply online, or if you need any help with the application, you can visit your local library where the staff will be able to help you. **Please note, the nursery school application process has not changed.** Further details can be found on our school website:

<https://www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/apply-for-a-place/>

Attendance

As I have indicated in previous newsletters, apart from medical issues, it is very important that your child attends school every day and is punctual. This is important for the continuity in their education.

Having looked at our data, we are averaging between 95% and 98% whole school attendance since August 2018. There is always room for improvement and our aim is always 100%. Please help us to achieve our aim by planning any holidays within the 12 weeks allocated during school term. Today, our last day of term, saw 4% of our school population absent due to holidays.



As we finish today, having enjoyed a very festive service at Craigiebuckler Church, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff, pupils and families a very healthy and prosperous 2019. I look forward to seeing you all as we start a brand new year on Monday 7th January 2019 with a punctual start at 8.40am. In particular, I hope that all our pupils have a very restful break so that they are energised to engage in all the exciting learning that their teachers will have planned in the new term.

Barbara Jones 😊

