December Review.

Well only 9 more sleeps to Christmas as I write this review.

What a wonderful end of term we have had and it only seemed right to update you before the New Year.

While classes manfully continued with Literacy and Maths work they had a very full and clear timetable up to Christmas break which maximised teaching and learning time but also ensured there was time for fun.

**Babushaka** was a great success. Monday 12th was a very special day seeing two performances take place. Every child in the school took part and they were outstanding. The singing, acting and dancing were top class and parents, friends and families all commented on how much they had enjoyed the performances. As one wise Gran put it “There’s not one star on the stage. They are all stars!” I think we all agree with that sentiment and a huge thank you goes out to all who supported the event.

Overall we took in £576 in ticket money and £146 for the raffle. We do have cost to pay for the play. Its licence and the let of the hall but this is still a sizeable amount of money which will go to School Funds and support “extras” for the children.

**The Wizard of Oz** was visited by High Mill on Tuesday 13th. All the children and staff enjoyed this outing immensely with lots of dancing, singing, booing the baddie, shouting out….all the things you’re not normally allowed to do during a school day. Great fun!

**Santa was at Gouldings** on Wednesday 14th and our P1 and P2 boys and girls were delighted to meet him. He asked all their names and what they hoped for Christmas and said he would see what he could manage. He did let them all choose a present and then the children had a great time on the rides and bouncy castle.

On Thursday everyone had something Christmassy on for **Save the Children Day**. The school raised £26 for this worthy cause.

It was also **Christmas Dinner** day and a big thank you to the cook and dinner ladies for a lovely lunch.

Friday morning saw the **School Choir** going to Tesco's to sing. They really did well and lots of kind people put money in our school bucket. This money will be used to buy goods for our Credit Shop which we will run in January. Thank you to everyone who gave us a donation and well done boys and girls.

Friday afternoon was our **Going For Green Assembly** and once again we had a very supportive audience of family and friends. Well done to all the children receiving a certificate and special mention to those on GOLD-brilliant.

We still have some great things to look forward to next week with P4-7 party on Monday afternoon. P1-3 party is on Tuesday afternoon and the choir goes at that time to the Jenny McLachlan Centre.

Thursday is our last day and we close at 2.30pm. We are at church in the morning with the service starting at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

**SCHOOL SOFT SHOES WILL COME HOME ON TUESDAY 20TH FOR YOU TO CHECK OVER.**

**ALL HOME FOLDERS NEED TO BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**DRESS DOWN DAY WEDNESDAY 21ST DEC-no money required.**

_Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at High Mill._
January 2017

Teaching and Learning

All classes will be once again focusing on Literacy and Numeracy. They will all be involved in Spanish, Science and Health and Wellbeing lessons on the theme of “Healthy”.

P5-P7 will also be introduced to French.

All classes will also be considering Scottish Language, Music and perhaps Art.

Children will be involved in learning a Scottish poem for recitation.

Going for Green/ Rights Based Learning

All classes will start their new term going over their Class Charter, Rights and high expectations will be set for attendance, punctuality, uniform, behaviour and effort.

Our values of Honesty, Hard work, Helpfulness, Respect and will be underlined.

Zero tolerance of any unacceptable language or physicality.

Our Going for Green system which helps support better behaviour, better relationships, better learning will also start up again but with a slight change for the first few weeks.

We will have a week when everyone settles back into routines and then we will have a time when we run a Credit System. If you child stays on Green, they earn a credit for the morning and another for the afternoon. They will keep their own credit cards at school but you can still check how they are doing by looking at their Homework Diary where they should be marking their colour every day.

We will run the Credit System for two weeks from Monday 16th till Friday 27th January. This would let some children earn as much as 20 credits.

Our Credit Shop will have a number of different little gifts that the children can use their credit card to buy.

From 30th January we return to our ordinary Going for Green system. There will be a Going for Green Assembly in June where GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE certificates will be awarded.

Diary

January

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