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Welcome to this mini edition of the newsletter.

STAFING UPDATE

Sarah Dickson, our Business Manager, has informed me that she will retire at the end of this term. **Ms Dickson has served the school for 18 years!** I am sure you will join with me in thanking Ms Dickson for her significant contribution to our school community; everyone who works at St Andrew's knows our school could not run without Ms Dickson's leadership, her many (many!) skills and dedication. Ms Dickson has lots of exciting plans for her retirement and we look forward to hearing about her adventures.

We welcome **Miss Rebecca Carr** to our PSA team. Miss Carr will join us until Christmas and work across the school to support our learners. Miss Carr has enjoyed shadowing across our PSA team this week and will follow her own timetable from next week.

Scottish Government has provided funding for additional staff to provide support for young people's learning, following school closures. We are therefore delighted to welcome **Ms Maria Smith** to our teaching staff team on a full-time basis until Christmas. Ms Smith has also been provisionally allocated to St Andrew's on a part-time basis until June 2021.

Our **recycling efforts** are going well. All milk cartons are recycled at St Andrew's and nearly all items from school lunches are recyclable or compostable. Thank you for recycling packed lunch waste at home.

Our **School Feast Day** is on Monday, 30th November. Father will lead us in Holy Mass (this will be via Teams for most classes). Children should come to school in uniform but may choose to accessorise/ replace items with **tartan** (scarves, kilts, shirts, socks, hairbands etc.). As well as enjoying an extended break, the children will enjoy ice-cream and special crafts (both paid for by your Parent Council) as well as fun learning tasks throughout the day. We can't wait!

Our **Parent Survey** closes today. Please share your views with us if you have not already done so.

Well done to our **House Captains** who are now making weekly presentations at Assembly- its great to hear from you!

Chirstmas Arrangements

Nativities are well under way and the pupils are enjoying preparing. As you know, at St Andrew's we aim for **every single child** in our school to have an individual role, even if very small, in our Christmas celebrations. This year, although very challenging, is no different. Details to follow early December.

All classes will enjoy a **Christmas Party** and we will of course risk assess our activities to ensure that infection control procedures are in place. Dates and details to follow.

The **Christmas Lunch** will be served on Wednesday, 16th December. Please await further details regarding how to order.

A major strength of our school is our relationship with our friends next door at Fox Covert Primary School. I am sure that you will appreciate that the current context makes it challenging for us to work together however both schools agree we can't let the Christmas season pass without celebrating in partnership. We therefore plan to enjoy a **shared Panto** (watching at the same time in our classrooms) whilst enjoying ice-cream.

The campus will also enjoy a **Christmas Jumper Day** on Wednesday, 16th December. Both schools will raise money for CHAS and a parentpay item for £1 will be set up on your account shortly. All donations are of course optional.

Christmas can cause a real strain on family finances and the current Covid-19 context has added to this further. Would you like **support with gifts for your children or food hampers** for Christmas? Please get in touch with me via the school office. All conversations will be held in confidence.

We all have a **duty to protect children**, whether we are professionals or private individuals. If you think a child is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected, speak to:

- Social Care Direct by calling 0131 200 2324
- the Police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999;
- a member of staff at school;
- any Health Professional.

If you need to talk to us about any matter- big or small- please email the school admin account admin@foxcovert-rc.edin.sch.uk or call us on 339 2383. Please do not send emails directly to individual staff or message them via twitter or MS365. Thank you very much for supporting us in this small way; it ensures you get a prompt response and that we can offer an excellent level of service.

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