



Anna Ritchie School

NEWS LETTER

December 2017

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017. What a busy year it has been, all of the staff here at Anna Ritchie can't quite believe how quick 2018 has come around.

We hope you enjoy reading about what the children have been up to in the final couple of weeks of term – they certainly have been busy!

Thank you for all the support given to the school this year – whether that be through taking part in the various events, volunteering for the parent council or even giving talks in classes. It has such a positive effect on the school and the pupils when all stakeholders work together.

All the staff at Anna Ritchie wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. See you in 2018!

Dates for Your Diary

8 th January	Start of the new term
17 th January	Mrs Sangster's assembly
24 th January	Burns' Lunch celebrations
7 th February	Mrs Elphick's assembly
9 th February	Holiday
12 th February	Holiday
13 th February	In-Service day – school closed
14 th February	In-Service day – school closed

Autism Accreditation

Questionnaires will be issued in January in preparation for our re-accreditation visit in January

Pantomime

On 5th December M&M productions treated us to a wonderful performance

of the classic story 'Pinocchio'. The pupils really enjoyed the energetic (and emotional!) portrayal of the wooden puppet who becomes a real boy.



Nativity

Our annual nativity went ahead again this year, despite the best efforts of the weather to try and stop it. With rehearsal time cut short by the snow and ice everyone really pulled together to make it happen. What else could we do? After all - the show must go on!



Thank you to everyone who came along and watched the pupils, it meant such a lot to them to see their friends and family in the audience. We were also pleased to welcome so many past and present staff members and members of the community to the

audience. It shows how invested you all are in the school and how well

the school works with our local community.



Christmas Lunch

As always, the school's Christmas lunch was a 'cracker' of an event – with staff and pupils fairly enjoying the food and festivities on offer! Thank you to Helen and her team for their gargantuan effort of cooking over 100 meals to ensure we were all fed and watered.



Class Parties

What lovely Christmas parties we had this year. The junior school danced the afternoon away before enjoying a veritable banquet provided by the staff. The day was rounded off by a visit from Santa himself.

The senior school very much enjoyed their film afternoon, watching Despicable Me 3 or The emoji movie in the best way possible – accompanied by hotdogs!

Church Service

Our Christmas church service was once again held in the final week of term this year. The school was hosted most generously by the Methodist Church. A huge thank you to Isobel Akers for her address and to the ladies who provided the teas, coffees and fabulous spread to all the pupils, staff and visitors after the service.

It was really pleasing to see such a large turnout of friends and family. It makes these events that much more special to be able to share them with others.

And finally I would like to say a huge 'well done' to all our performers and readers – the range of skills and the levels of confidence which they have developed during their time at Anna Ritchie were very much on display.

