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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write this the sky is darkening and I suspect it is about to snow. Hopefully spring isn't too far away but meantime we still need everyone to come to school well wrapped up. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named and your child has suitable indoor shoes.

The Book

Our day with the community to begin the research for our book was just amazing. We so enjoyed chatting to everyone and we have already learned so much. The children now have a class remit and a plan so they will be getting in touch again as the term moves ahead. Thanks also to everyone who has handed in materials for us to study.

Alice in Wonderland

Auditions for our summer show, Alice in Wonderland are open to all ages from p1 to p7. Clearly the more complex roles will go to older pupils. Auditions will be held in school at the end of the month. Those wishing to audition should prepare a song, any song, to perform with confidence. Auditions will be on Monday 18th February in the morning.

P2 Assembly

Parents with children in P2 are invited to come along on 7th February at 1.30pm to watch the class assembly. This is an opportunity for them to share what they have been learning.

Community Hub:

Mrs Jacqui Gray joins us as Session Worker for The Hub and looks forward to meeting you all. Jacqui will be bringing lots of interesting sessions to The Hub over the year; Fun n Food, Conversation Café, Walking Club and many more. Details will be posted on FB and school email and flyers.

If there is anything that would be of interest to you or any skills that you could offer, please contact her via the school.

Alternatively, if clubs are not your thing, Jacqui's door is always open for a friendly chat/cuppa at any time Tue-Friday.

Nursery Staffing:

As our nursery welcomes two year olds and prepares for the longer days, we are pleased to welcome Megan Hardie to the Early Years Team. Also, as Mrs Downie is now the Senior Practitioner in the nursery, we can now announce that Catherine Stewart has been successful in interview and will shortly take up her post as Lead Practitioner.

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Purple Friday:

Mintlaw Academy along with all the associated primary schools will celebrate Purple Friday on Friday 22nd February. This is part of our approach to celebrating the diversity of our society. Our own Director of Education chairs Aberdeenshire's Equalities Strategy Board who are tasked with ensuring the Council follows statutory duties and celebrates equality. The month of February is LGBT history month. We will have a short assembly and hear the story 'And Tango Makes Three' and the older classes will share the successes of well-known people. On this day pupils can wear purple.

February Holiday:

School is closed for Friday 8th February and remains closed to pupils until 14th February.

Kind Regards,



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher