

Weekly Update – 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Happy Holidays

We wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember that school returns on Wednesday 9 January following our in service day on Tuesday 8 January.

### Staff Update

We bid farewell to two familiar faces today.

Miss Jinty Urquhart leaves our Biology Department bound for Australia – we wish her all the best and thank her for her service to Team Party.

Mrs Joyce Peacock, Pupil Support Assistant, retires today after many years service. The Peacock family leave a lasting legacy in Portobello High School and we wish Joyce a long and happy retirement. Please see picture of Joyce and Rusty's Angels.



### Foodbank Collection

A big thank you to everyone who helped to donate to the foodbank collection. A special thanks to the house captains for leading excellent assemblies about community and helping to promote the importance of helping others, especially at this time of year. We managed to collect a huge amount of food and the staff at the food bank were extremely grateful for all of the kind donations.

We know this is a very busy time of year for everyone so thank you for your support. Have a lovely Christmas,

Miss Scott and The Charities Committee.

### Winter What's On for Families

Please find attached a *Winter What's On for Families in North East Edinburgh*. This lists information on free or low-cost activities and support available during the holidays.

### Teen Triple P

The next Autism Focus Teen Triple P Group will run at East Neighbourhood Centre, 101 Niddrie Mains Road, EH16 4DS Monday 28th January- 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, 1-3pm

This group is suitable for parents/carers who have a child aged 11-16 years who has an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Social/ Communication difficulties. This group will be delivered by Educational Psychologists who will guide parents through the Teen Triple P programme taking account of the needs of young people with ASD.

We welcome applications directly from parents and carers or from professionals on parent's behalf. Applications can be made by completing our online [application form](#) or by completing the attached application form and emailing it to: [supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gcsx.gov.uk) Please state on the application you are applying for the Autism Focus group.

I have attached a Teen Triple P leaflet and a leaflet outlining other available supports.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require more information or you wish to discuss particular support needs.

Details of Teen Triple P groups which are running across Edinburgh can be found alongside information on all parenting programmes at [www.joininedinburgh.org/parenting-programmes](http://www.joininedinburgh.org/parenting-programmes)