

# WEST LINTON PRIMARY

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

26<sup>TH</sup> September 2018

### MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher session on 17<sup>th</sup> September. We were delighted by the amount of parents who attended especially our Vision, Values and Aims consultation. As a result of the consultation we have an excellent range of ideas for moving our Vision and Values forward. If you did not get a chance to attend either of the workshops, then please don't worry; Class Information will be shared on the School Website in the 'Student – Classes' section and the Whiteboard asking for your ideas about Vision, Values and Aims is still in the school Foyer. We hope that you will take the time to add some thoughts.



### HOME LEARNING

Those of you who attended the Meet the Teacher event will also be aware of our move this term from Homework to Home Learning. Pupils will have a homework jotter and a home learning task sheet, with opportunities to develop their skills in spelling, reading and mathematics.

In terms of reading, we ask that the pupils use books from home, that they are interested in to complete their tasks; thus promoting their reading for enjoyment. If however, the pupils would prefer to borrow a book from the School Library then after the October break, we will have a Parent Volunteer, Mrs Eatwell, opening the Library on a Tuesday & Thursday lunchtime and also a Thursday after school 3:30 – 4:30pm. We thank Mrs Eatwell for giving up her time to do this.

### STAFFING UPDATES

We are delighted to welcome Miss L Appleby to our staff. Miss Appleby will be the new Primary 6/7 teacher whilst Mrs Smith is on maternity leave. Miss Appleby will be using the next few weeks to get to know the children and liaise with Mrs Smith, so that she is ready to begin after the October break. I know that you will join me in giving her a very warm welcome to West Linton Primary School.

We also have interviews planned for an Additional Needs Auxiliary post. We received a very strong list of applications and hope to have someone in post as soon as all pre-employment checks have been approved.

### SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Thank you to all who have filled in the form indicating which days your child will be using school transport.

As requested in August we would respectfully ask that if there are days when your child is *not getting the bus as planned that you let the school office know by lunchtime.*

The children are supervised on and off the bus daily therefore it is imperative the school has up to date information. Thank you.

### DATA CHECKS

If you have not already, then shortly you will receive a data check form.

So that we have the correct contact and correspondence details for you, it is crucial that you check the details held on file. If there are any changes to be made, please make them on the data check forms to ensure we can update our records. If you would like us to correspond with you via email, then please also add this.

In sharing this information you are agreeing to West Linton PS holding this information on our systems in line with new GDPR legislation.

## ROOKIE ROCKSTARS

We were lucky to be joined by 'Rookie Rockstars' between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September when the children learned about being resilient in the face of peer pressure and bullying all through the context of music.

Rookie Rockstars are a registered charity; who work with schools across Scotland free of charge in order to develop their skills and knowledge across the curriculum.

From P1-7 the pupils showed commitment and talent and produced an amazing CD.



The performance was a triumph and all who attended had an amazing evening.

A special mention must go to our lip syncing Mum, Dad, Gran and Granddad who were great sports! Congratulations to lip syncing Granddad who was the audience's choice of winner in a very close competition.

If you have not already purchased a CD, then there are still some available from the School Office. The CD cover competition was won by Maya Motley, a Primary 7 pupil; however there were many fantastic contenders.

Well done to everyone who entered.

## FIT 4 FUN

This session, we have also been joined by NHS colleagues, who have been working with P3-7 pupils to promote Healthy Lifestyle choices. The focus has been on healthy eating and more specifically the Eatwell Guide.

The pupils have also been looking at food labelling and using it to help identify healthier options.



Fit 4 Fun is run by professionals from a wide range of services including Community Dietitians, Health Improvement Specialists, Nutrition Theory Leaders and Sports Leaders.

The children have been given the opportunity to try new foods and prepared healthy snacks as part of their health and wellbeing curriculum outcomes.

There is a parent event scheduled for **16<sup>th</sup> October**. We hope you are able to join your child so that they can showcase their learning.

There will be different timeslots for each class which are detailed below:

**P3 and P4 – 9:45 – 10:30**

**P5/6 and P5 – 1:30 – 2:10**

**P6/7 and P7 – 2:15 – 3:00**

We hope you can make it along.

## PLP CONSULTATION

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6:30pm, Ms Curson & Mrs Saxon will be hosting a parental consultation regarding our school improvement priority; Personal Learning Profiles.

At the session, we will be discussing the feedback received in our questionnaire and our vision for next steps based on findings.

The children's PLPs are an ongoing way of us recording and tracking learning and progress. As many of you know already, your child's PLP forms the main end of session report and it is used at our Parent Consultations to discuss your child's learning.

An excellent PLP involves all stakeholders; teacher, pupils and you as their parents/ carers. With this in mind we very much hope you can attend this session.

### MEET & GREET

As part of our focus on Values and our ongoing commitment to the inclusive and welcoming ethos of our school; from Monday all children will be welcomed into school via their own classroom door by their class teacher. School staff will be on hand to direct children to the correct entrance on Monday. We are very much looking forward to this new routine.

### INDOOR SHOES

With the winter weather on its way, we would like to remind you that the children should have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they enter the school building.

This is for the children's own comfort as well as for looking after our school building. We appreciate your support with this.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5<sup>th</sup> October – Local Holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term  
15<sup>th</sup> October – Pupils return  
22<sup>nd</sup> October – PLP Parent Consultation  
25<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Immunisation  
26<sup>th</sup> October – Curriculum overviews/ PLPs home  
29<sup>th</sup> October – PLPs to return to school.  
5<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair Week  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Consultations

### PUPIL VOICE

We are very much looking forward to working with our newly elected Pupil Voice Reps, Eco Reps and our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs); the pupils are instrumental in driving school development.

### JRSO COMPETITION

Our JRSOs this year are Charlie, Lina and Emily. They gave excellent speeches and were chosen by their peers to carry out this leadership role. All three attended the JRSO conference in Galashiels early this term.



This week they launched a competition at our Citizenship Gathering asking pupils to design our JRSO mascot for this session. We are hoping to have lots of entries over the coming week. Please encourage your child to take part in the competition. Many thanks.

### MINISTERS FOR...

This year our Primary 7 pupils are all involved in 'Ministers for' groups. The pupils chose four groups this year:

**Ministers for Literature:** Bethany, Nina, Katie, Jess, Grace, Rachel, Brodie, Cameron G, Orla.

**Ministers for Competition and Houses:** Jennifer D, Isobel, Jennifer S, Chloe, Emily, Heidi, Noa, Callum, Brianna, Olivia.

**Ministers for Play & Playground:** Richards, Dennis, William, Mathu, Ethan, Mereoni, Kieran, Isha, Ben, Rory.

**Ministers for Sport:** Riley, Eilidh, Catherine, Michael, Maya, Kelsey, Lucie, Sabine, Carrick, Emaan.