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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you were all able to enjoy a half term break, away from screens and school based learning.



This term we will see a very different return to school with some of our pupils returning to the school building from the 22nd February, and some children continuing to learn from home.

We would like to reassure all of our school pupils and families that we have been planning for this return and have been adapting and improving our provision to ensure that wherever your child is learning that they are receiving a quality experience to support their continued learning journey.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who have already responded to our Parent Survey. The survey has been compiled to collate quantitative feedback about your child's experience of Learning from Home.



The survey will close tomorrow, so if you have not had a chance already, we would ask you to fill in the survey by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4WjOKVQTctawUZKUp81MeqMSNck2iQvF0imldUMjBYWEJFMEY2STFIQ0pUS0E0VTIPUjdPMi4u>

ONLINE/ REMOTE LEARNING

During the inservice day on Friday, all staff met to discuss the emerging key trends arising from our Parent Survey. This will be shared more fully with you once the survey closes and the data has been analysed. The results of the survey so far are largely positive with the majority of respondents scoring our Home Learning provision at either four stars or five stars.

When planning for improvements to our Home Learning provision, the Primary 4-7 focus has been on support and challenge.

During our collegiate dialogue on Friday we have planned to continue our mixed delivery model, in line with Scottish Borders Council guidelines. Where appropriate, teachers will increase their 'taught' component during Class Meets in the key areas of Literacy and Numeracy and will continue to ensure all resources required to support learning will be available in the Files Section of your child's class team.

Class teachers have already been offering drop in sessions for support and/ or providing extension activities to provide challenge – this will become more consistent across Primary 4-7, so that young people know where to find these extension activities and are directed to them to support ongoing motivation and enthusiasm. Alternatively they can drop in with a teacher and small group to receive more support if required.

These real time interactions will further support and/ or challenge pupils on the planned learning across the week.

A Parent Information booklet will be emailed to all Primary 4-7 parents. This will give clear guidelines about how the Home Learning provision will look from 1st March. We continue to adapt and develop our provision based on the findings of our Survey and following professional dialogue across our staff team.

RETURN TO SCHOOL ELC – PRIMARY 3/ CHILDCARE HUB 4-7

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon confirmed on 16th February that all pupils from ELC to Primary 3 are to return to school buildings from Monday 22nd February. We are delighted to welcome those children back to school and look forward to seeing them. Please note, if your child is a Primary 4 within the Primary 3/ 4 class, they will continue to learn from home, whilst the Primary 3s from Primary 3/ 4 will attend the school building.

If your child usually uses school transport then this is running as usual for Primary 1-3 pupils.

We have completed rigorous risk assessment to ensure that young people and staff attending school are safe in classroom/ playground bubbles. To ensure that pupils continue in their classroom/ playground bubbles, we ask that pupils enter and exit the school building through their classroom doors. There will be no indoor PE at the moment, so we ask that **pupils bring outdoor PE kit**, so that the class teachers and Mr Davidson can take the children outside when the weather is fair.

If your child attends the P4-7 childcare hub, this will now be located in the current Primary 5 classroom. We ask that all Primary 4-7 pupils attending the Hub bring their iPad, fully charged so that they can access the learning planned by their teachers. The pupils will enter and exit through the Primary 5 classroom door (instead of the front door) and the pupils in the Hub will become a separate bubble.

Our school day will follow our usual ELC/ School opening hours and the playground will be supervised in the mornings and at the end of the school day. We remind all school users that you should only enter the school playground if you have to and that alternative pick up points should be considered. If in the playground to drop off/ pick up one of our younger pupils please wear a face covering and maintain a two metre social distance from any other adult, ensuring that you are paying attention to those in front, behind and to each side.

The school kitchen will be open and we would ask that if your child usually has a school lunch that these are ordered on Parent Pay before Monday. This means that the kitchen staff will have the correct numbers of meals prepared for those children having school meals on Monday and thereafter.

We respectfully ask you all to continue to follow the Scottish Government **FACTS** Guidelines:

- Face Coverings,
- Avoid crowded places,
- Clean your hands and surfaces regularly,
- Two metre distance,
- Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms.

We look forward to seeing some of the pupils in the school building on Monday.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will take place this year on Thursday 4th March. The Ministers for Literature have been working alongside Mrs Motley (virtually) to plan a fun filled day, even whilst some continue to be learning from home and some in school. World Book Day this year will feature the 'Masked Reader' and the pupils will also create a community scavenger hunt, encouraging young people to have time away from screens and to get active in our local environment.

We would love to see as many pupils as possible dressing up as their favourite book character on 4th March, whether they are at home or in school and join in our virtual assembly at 11am on that day.