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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to share that we will again host a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) in session 2021-22. Whilst we do not know their name yet, we look forward to them joining West Linton School, The NQT will be supported by Mrs Maclennan.

Miss Skinner will be leaving us after the summer break and continuing her leadership journey in her first promoted post. Miss Skinner has led many school wide initiatives, notably the co-ordination of the move to online learning in the lead up to the national lockdown. We will miss Miss Skinner's IT knowledge, her enthusiasm for our school and commitment to our children, but wish her luck in her new post.

Mrs Nicola Smith will return to school, after her maternity leave in the new school year. She will work part time between August and December, but will return to full time teaching after the Christmas break. I know you will join me in welcoming Mrs Smith back to West Linton Primary School.

We move into the new school year with three teaching vacancies; the first will be to cover a Monday and Tuesday when Mrs Smith is not in school.

Whilst Mrs Butler plans to return to school in session 2021-22, it will be towards the end of the year and therefore a vacancy has been advertised for the duration of her maternity leave.

Finally, Mrs Volpe has decided to reduce her working week on a permanent basis, meaning that she will work two days per week. We have advertised for a teacher to job share with her for the remainder of the week.

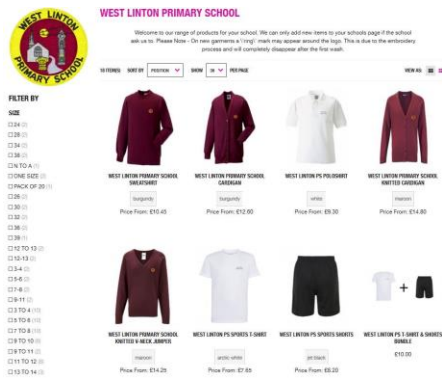


Mrs Mair, Mrs Laydon and Mr Cursiter will all complete their temporary contracts at West Linton at the end of the school year. It has been a very successful NQT year for Mr Cursiter and we wish him well in his career. All three teachers have been super additions to our staff and I know you will join me in wishing them well and giving them thanks for their commitment to our young people.

Next session, we will have two part time Additional Needs Assistant vacancies. Mrs Robbie and Mr McCarroll will be training as teachers next session and we know that they will be successful in this endeavour. Mrs Harper will join the staff at Peebles High School as an ANA and we wish her lots of luck in her onward journey as an educator.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The official WLPS uniforms are available from **BE Schoolwear** and can be ordered by following the links below:



<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/search/west%20linton%20primary>

At West Linton Primary School we encourage children to wear school uniform along with black shoes, because we believe it contributes to a feeling of belonging. Can we ask that a pair of indoor shoes to be kept at school is also provided to pupils? The indoor shoes can also be used in the PE Hall, or a separate pair can be brought to school for gym if preferred.

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

In session 2021-22 we will be following the Scottish Borders Council priorities for Improvement:

- Learning, teaching and assessment
- Inclusion

Within these priorities we will continue our focus on Mathematics and Whole School Approaches to Nurture. Further information will follow in August.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th June – Awards and Achievements Assembly
18th June – Meet the teacher day for pupils
21st June – P7 Leavers Virtual Assembly & School Closure
16th August – Inservice Day
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18th August – Pupils resume
7th October – Last day for pupils & staff
19th October – Pupils resume

MICRO ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

In memory of the wonderful Archie Hall, who loved doing new and exciting things, many of you have already taken part in Micro-Adventures to raise money for Calum's Cabin. The link to the JustGiving page is detailed below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/archie-hall06>



If you have not yet completed your Micro-Adventure, there is still time. The challenge could be something small or something large – we will leave it up to you!

SPORTS DAY

This year, whilst COVID-19 restrictions continue, we will have our Sports Day in class bubbles in our playground during the children's PE time.



The Primary 7 Ministers for Sport will assist Mr Davidson to co-ordinate potted sports and some flat races. We are delighted to be able to offer a Sports Day activity, but sadly cannot invite parents to join us this year. We hope to be in a better position next session and thank you for your continued support on this matter.



FAREWELL TO OUR PRIMARY 7

We would like to extend a fond farewell to our Primary 7 pupils as they continue their learning journey to secondary school.

This year has been unlike any other and all of our pupils have shown amazing resilience and flexibility in their learning, their social interactions and have shown amazing understanding of the various changing COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Primary 7 pupils especially have been understanding of all of the changes to their usual duties and have continued to problem solve and lead our school developments through their Ministers for groups, their newspaper and have continued to show positivity and determination through our School Values and Learning Powers.

We were also delighted that we were able to give them an outdoor learning experience where they all showed exemplary behaviour, attitude and team work. They all loved their experience and came back to school more mature and ready for their transition. Well done to you all.



We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year and throughout your time at West Linton and we wish you the very best of luck as you move on to your chosen secondary school. Well done to our Class of 2021 😊