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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

We welcome you back to school after the October half term and hope that you were able to have a relaxing time, with fewer Covid-19 restrictions.

This term, we will begin our Novel Study where in all classes; pupils will be focusing on reading for enjoyment as well as key reading skills to encourage a love for stories. The Novel Study focus fortnight leads to many cross curricular opportunities which we know your children will enjoy.



Please look out for your Child's Curriculum Overview, which will be sent to you on **Friday 29th October**, along with your child's Personal Learning Profile (PLP). The Curriculum Overview details planned learning for your child's class and year group, along with ideas for how you can support learning at home. Within class, the teachers will plan for pupils' particular level of learning to ensure they access the curriculum at the correct level.

If you are interested in how we do this, but you were unable to come to the Curriculum Information event in September, then please follow this link to a voice over PowerPoint detailing how we plan our curriculum at West Linton Primary. [Curriculum | West Linton Primary School](#)

Your child's PLP is part of how we report on your child's progress across the school year, so we would ask you to look through your child's PLP with them and discuss the learning therein. The PLP is a working document, so we would encourage you to write comments and fill in the PLP learning conversation sheet **ready for return on 1st November**.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – 3.11.21 & 4.11.21

Our scheduled parent consultations on 3rd and 4th November will again take place via telephone. Unfortunately, we continue to have guidance from Scottish Government, which does not allow for large scale 'face to face' interactions in the school building.

The last two parent consultation evenings we have had have been over the telephone and have been extremely successful. Whilst we look forward to a time, where we can welcome you back into the school building; our main driving force must continue to be public safety at the moment.



For your parent consultation in November, you will be asked to choose a 10-minute slot using an online appointment request link - Mrs Walker will send the link to you in the next week or so. Once you have identified a suitable time, we would ask you to be close to your 'main contact' telephone so that the class teacher can call you directly.

STAFFING UPDATE

Our Head Teacher Ms Curson will begin her maternity leave on 19th November, but will continue to support the school until that date.

We are delighted to announce that we have now appointed a Depute Head Teacher to cover Miss Ferguson's role whilst she is the Head Teacher at school. Interviews took place on 20th October and the name of the new member of staff will be announced once pre-employment checks have completed.

PUPIL VOICE GROUPS

As you may already know, Pupil Voice groups are a crucial part of our school development at West Linton Primary School and this year is no different.

Mrs Motley will lead and support the Eco Committee this year, as she has done in previous years. Mr O'Donnell will be supporting our Pupil Voice Group to evaluate and inform our school development within teaching, learning and assessment and we very much look forward to hearing about the many things the young people are leading on behalf of their classmates.

All of our Primary 7 pupils have a role to play in the school's development and this year we have four groups of Ministers to support and enhance the school's day to day work. The Primary 7 pupils came up with the groups based on personal interest and with reference to the School Improvement Plan. This year, the Minister Groups are:



Ministers for Sport



Ministers for Creativity



Ministers for Literature



Ministers for Competition and Houses

DIARY DATES

19th October – 29th October – Novel Study Focus Fortnight

29th October – PLPs and Curriculum overviews out to families

1st November – PLPs to be returned to school

3rd and 4th November – Parent Telephone Consultations

18th November – Primary 3 Year Group Assembly (To be shared on Primary 2/3 and Primary 3 class Team)

23rd November – Flu Immunisation

29th November – St Andrew's Day Holiday

2nd December – Primary 4 Year Group Assembly (To be shared on Primary 4 class Team)

Christmas dates and information will be shared in the November newsletter pending further guidance on mass gatherings from Scottish Government.