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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our February newsletter. This month has some very exciting events coming up and inspiring learning opportunities for the pupils – please continue to look out for newsletters and to follow us on Twitter @WestLintonPS.

We would like to remind everyone that despite Covid-19 regulations, we have an open door policy at West Linton Primary School, so if you would like to discuss anything relating to your child's learning or general wellbeing, please let us know via email or telephone and we can arrange a meeting on Microsoft Teams.



PARKING

We would like to thank our parents and families for their consideration with parking around the school these past few weeks. We have seen a considerable improvement in the parking around the school at pick up and drop off time. We would like to remind those who drive to school that the turning circle is for the school bus use only.

You may be aware of the changes that have recently been made to the Highway Code. If not, it can be found here: [The Highway Code: 8 changes you need to know from 29 January 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022)

This includes changes to **pedestrian priority** at junctions which will apply at our crossing points around the school, **parking and leaving vehicles** and the **hierarchy of road users**.

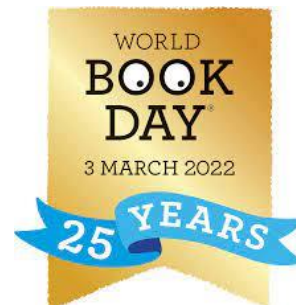


STAFFING UPDATE

We would like to share that Mrs Butler will be returning to us this month for some 'keeping in touch' days and will be supporting in classes across the school. She will be returning to West Linton Primary from her maternity leave at the end of June.

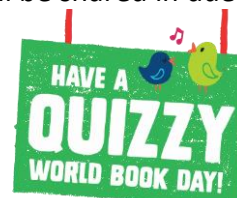
WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will take place this year on Thursday 3rd March. The Ministers for Literature have been working alongside Mrs Motley to plan a fun filled day.



World Book Day this year will raise money for Book Aid International and will feature a Scavenger Hunt around the school and the option to dress up as a favourite book character.

This year, we will also have something a little different for our families – an online evening Quiz created and presented by the Ministers for Literature. This will be on the evening of World Book Day and two Quizzes will run – a P1-3 Quiz at 4.30pm and a P5-7 Quiz at 6.30pm. Links to the event will be shared in due course.



BROOMLEE VISITS

Primary 7 had a wonderful time during their day visit to Broomlee and were applying their learning in numeracy about coordinates and compasses in an orienteering context. Over the coming months, each year group will have the opportunity to visit Broomlee to apply their learning in an outdoor learning context and letters will be issued prior to these visits. The dates for each year group is as follows:

- P1 – Thursday 2nd June 2022
- P2 – Monday 6th June 2022
- P3 – Monday 7th June 2022
- P4 – Monday 14th March 2022
- P5 – Tuesday 15th March 2022
- P6 – Monday 23rd May 2022



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OUTDOOR LEARNING AND GARDENING

Now that spring is on its way, we have great plans to support outdoor learning across our school, the playground and to make use of our lovely new polytunnel. We will in the coming months be seeking support from our local community with weeding and clearing raised beds, building structures or planters for the polytunnel and transporting and spreading soil so if you are interested and available to support, we would love to hear from you!

We are also looking for any materials that families and community members may have going spare in their greenhouses including pots and seed trays, seeds or seedlings and spare compost.



Our Outdoor Learning group in school plan to introduce Loose Parts Play to our playground and to support this we require a shed in which to store the materials overnight. If anyone has a shed they are considering replacing, we would be very keen to take the old one. We are an Eco-school and always eager to recycle and upcycle in any way we can.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Thursday 3rd February – P4 Assembly
- Thursday 3rd February – Time to Talk: Dress to Express Day
- Thursday 10th February – P6 Assembly
- Monday 14th February – Tweeddale Local Holiday
- Tuesday 15th February – February Break
- Monday 21st February – Staff Inservice Day (no pupils)
- Tuesday 22nd February – Return to school
- Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

TIME TO TALK DAY – 3RD FEBRUARY 2022

Time to Talk Day has been a wonderful success. Our Dress to Express day saw children and staff dress down for the day in order to raise money for the children's charity, Place2Be. This is a children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support and training in schools. We are very proud to share that we raised an amazing £436.39. Thank you so much for your support with this.

