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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Winter Term at West Linton Primary School. We hope you had a good and relaxing October break.

This term we begin learning with our Novel Study focus fortnight. During this focus all classes will read for enjoyment to develop key reading skills.



Book Week Scotland also takes place this term (14 - 20 November). To celebrate this, Primary 1-3 pupils will receive a bag of books and other goodies. This forms part of the *Read, Write, Count Campaign* and runs each year in collaboration with the Scottish Book Trust.

As well as the Book Bags there are other opportunities for children of all ages to nurture their love of reading and creative writing on the [Scottish Book Trust Website](#). We hope your child enjoys the various activities and books at school and at home.

WINTER DRESS

With the seasons changing, we respectfully remind you that all children should bring to school a change of shoes. Children are encouraged to change their shoes when they enter the school building, both for their comfort and also to maintain our school building.



We also ask that all children now come to school with a jacket. It is rare that we stay in at playtime and lunchtime since young people learn better when they have had access play and fresh air. As a result it is important that they are dressed for the various elements we experience in West Linton!

STAFFING UPDATES

We welcome Ms Curson back to school this term as Head Teacher with Miss Ferguson returning to her role as Depute Head. We thank Miss Ferguson for her strong leadership throughout the last year.

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Smith, who will be beginning her maternity leave. Mrs Smith's maternity leave has been advertised and interviews will take place in the next few weeks. News of any appointment will be shared once all pre-employment checks have taken place.



We welcome three students to West Linton Primary this term. Firstly we welcome Mrs Cher Davidson to our Primary 7 class. Mrs Davidson is a 4th Year BEd Student who will be with us until 16th December.

We also welcome Innis Tait (they/ them) who joins Mrs Butler in Primary 6.

Finally we welcome Miss Catriona Holdsworth to our Primary 1 class. Miss Holdsworth is a 2nd Year student and will be with us for 4 weeks from Monday 7th November and then will re-join us later in the school year.

As always, we are delighted to welcome students to our school and wish them lots of luck with their placements and onward career journey.

This term, we also say a fond farewell to Ms Leitch who finishes with us on 25th November. Mrs Leitch is here on a part time contract, but has found full time permanent employment elsewhere. We wish Ms Leitch luck in her new post and will share any news of appointments to her role once pre-employment checks have taken place.

PTA & PC NEWS

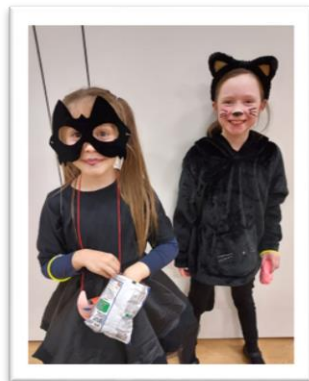
Halloween Disco

We are delighted to share that the Halloween Disco raise £225 for Parent Teacher Association funds.

Loose Change Challenge

Thank you to you all for donating your loose change – we raised a huge £635.35 for PTA funds.

Can we remind you that the last day for Christmas Card Orders is Sunday 6th November.



DIARY DATES

8th November – Flu Immunisation
22nd November – Open Afternoon
28th November – St Andrew's Day Holiday
6th December – ELC/ P1 Nativity (afternoon)
7th December – ELC/P1 Nativity (evening)
8th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
9th December – ELC Christmas Trip
12th December – ELC & P1 Party
13th December – P2 & 3 Party
14th December – P4 & 5 Party
15th December – P6 & 7 Party
22nd December – Church Service (P5 leading)
22nd December @ 3:25 – School Closure
9th January 2023 – All resume



PTA & PARENT COUNCIL OFFICE BEARERS

Parent Council Chair: Lynsey Robinson

Deputy: Louise Fraser

Treasurer: Julie Naysmith

PTA Chair: Erika Rinaldi

Secretary: Hazel Ferguson



Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on **14th November**

CITIZENSHIP GATHERINGS AND ASSEMBLIES

This term, we our Assembly focus is 'Talk things over'. Through this theme, pupils will learn that:

- At times we all feel worried
- If worries are not dealt with they can sometimes get out of control
- If you are struggling, it's important to ask for help.

We have asked the young people to create worry monsters for their Home Learning Activities. Thank you to those of you who have already supported your children in this task; we look forward to hearing more about your child's worry monster at our Sharing Assembly on **15th November.**



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

Our Citizenship Gatherings remain focused on the Global Goals and on the 10th November, we will commemorate Armistice Day.

PYT HAMPERS

This year we will again support Peebles Youth Trust in collecting for those less fortunate at Christmas.

If you would like to donate, then we request either stock cubes, oatcakes, crackers or biscuits for cheese. These can be handed into class or straight to the school office. Please could all donations reach us by **Friday 25th November?** Thank you.