



Learning together to achieve our best

WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

STAFFING UPDATE

We are very pleased to share that our new Primary 1 teacher will begin with Mrs Scott on 30th January. Mrs Louise Gilmour joins us as a permanent member of staff, from West Lothian Council, where she has been a Primary 1 teacher for some time. Mrs Gilmour will also teach Primary 6 on a Friday. I am sure that you will give her a very warm welcome when she begins with us next term.

We said goodbye to our students in both Primary 1 and Primary 7 last term, however we are delighted to share that Mrs Davidson will be coming back to West Linton to volunteer in different classes and Miss Holdsworth will return to after the Easter holidays.

We will also welcome Mr Stuart Howley-Milne to Primary 3 from 30th January. Mr Howley-Milne is a PGDE student and will be with Primary 3 until 10th March.

We are always very pleased to be asked to support students on their journey into the profession and I know that you will join me in wishing them luck in their placement and their journey into teaching.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

West Linton Primary School and the PTA would like to thank you for attending the Christmas Fayre. It was a wonderful, well-attended event and it was great to see so many community members in the school once more.



The event raised a huge £1570 for PTA funds and we thank Erika and her team for organising such a successful event.

BROOMLEE TRIPS

We very much enjoyed our trips to Broomlee Education Centre. This term Primary 2, 3 & 4 benefitted from a visit. The trips were fully funded by a grant applied for by Scottish Outdoor Education Centres.



We continue to enjoy partnership working with Richard Gerrish and his team, and despite cold weather, they kept the children busy, warm and learning.



This time, the learning focus of the visits was collaboration, teamwork and learning about the natural world. All of the boys and girls had an amazing time. Thank you to all parent helpers who attended.



CHRISTMAS ROUND UP

We would like to thank you all for attending our ELC and P1 Nativity – It was so special to have so many of you in our school building again. The show was fantastic and the boys and girls showed great confidence in their delivery of lines and songs.



A huge well done also to our Primary 6 and 7 pupils who again showed their professionalism and talent in their Panto 'Peter Pan'. It was just wonderful to see such an amazing show with all young people having a part to play.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff who contributed to the shows, including Mrs Inglis who has coached the children in their singing. We would also like to thank our ELC/ P1/ P6 & P7 parents for supporting young people with learning lines and for your attendance at these events.

NEW YEAR TOY SWAP

After the success of our Christmas Jumper and Hallowe'en costume swap shop, we will now have a New Year Toy Swap. If you have any unwanted toys in the new year, please bring them into school. We, as always, are dedicated to reducing waste, recycling and reusing unwanted articles. Our Eco Committee thank you in advance for your support of this.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to all who donated £1 or more to wear their Christmas jumper on 8th December. We raised £300, which the government will double, taking our total for Save the Children to £600. A wonderful achievement.



DIARY DATES

Whilst we send all diary dates out at the beginning of the year, here are some events coming up that you may be interested in:

- 9th January – All resume
- 9-20th January – Scotland Focus Fortnight
- 20th January – Curriculum Overviews for term out to parents
- 25th January – P6 & 7 Robert Burns Assembly
- 2nd February – Café Conversations (More information to follow)
- 7th February – Primary 3 Assembly
- 13th February – Tweeddale Holiday (school closed)
- 14th – 17th February – February Break (school closed)
- 20th February – Staff inservice day



Please note – Further Industrial Action is planned for 10th January & 30th January. Should there be no agreement reached, the school will be closed to pupils on these days.