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WEST LINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

STAFFING UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Cher Davidson, who completed her final placement in Primary 7 prior to the Christmas break. She is now volunteering in school after completing her study placements and having only her dissertation to submit. Mrs Davidson will join the Primary 1 and Primary 2/1 classes during this term to gain experience working in an Early Level environment.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

As part of our ongoing discussions in class about keeping ourselves safe, we have our community Police Officer PC Serena Moody coming into school to deliver learning about drug and alcohol awareness and safety in the community in our upper school classes.

With the lighter evenings and better weather on the way, you may also want to give young people some reminders about letting you know where they are going, who they are with and what time they are due to be home.

You might for example want to encourage them to use tracking tools such as "FindMy phone" or similar tools on their device as a safety measure and to remember to keep enough charge in their phone/device so they can contact you if they need to or to let you know if they are going to be late.

You can find useful advice/information in the NSPCC [Home or out alone](#) guide.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/2614/home-or-out-alone-guide.pdf>

We have also been very lucky this term to secure the support of our local fire service personnel, who have been working with all classes to teach them CPR and to work with them on what they should do in an emergency situation.

CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS

It was wonderful to have so many of you attending our Café Conversations this month.

Young people were able to talk to you confidently about their learning in such an animated way which was great to see. It was also encouraging to once again have you in our school after the covid-19 pandemic.



The Café Conversations are part of our commitment to reporting to you on your child's strengths and next steps in learning and are a chance for you to discuss this progress with your child. Next, you will have a chance to talk to your child's class teacher about learning, during our scheduled Parent Consultations at the end of March.

Have your say on the format of these Parent Consultations, by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/xrurjyvVA0>



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day this year is 2nd March 2023 and on this day, we invite children into school dressed as their favourite book character. Throughout the day there will be a suite of different activities for children to take part in. More information will follow regarding opportunities for parents and families to get involved.



EASTER ASSEMBLY

As you know, we enjoy a partnership with St Andrew's Church where we hold our Christmas and Easter Assemblies.

This year similar to other class assemblies we will have two performances. One performance will take place at St Andrew's Church as planned and one will take place in school. Primary 4 parents can choose which one they would like to attend. The Church performance will take place at 9:30am on 31st and the school performance on 30th at the same time.

ASSEMBLIES

Our assemblies this term will focus on the Building Resilience tool of Get Active, including a focus on children challenging themselves to do something new for 30 days. This coincides with many young people trying new masterclasses at school.



We would also ask that if your child has had a recent achievement that they share this with their class teacher and with Miss Ferguson/ Ms Curson, so that their achievement can be celebrated at our termly achievements assembly and can also be displayed in their learning in their PLP.

THE BIG DIG 2

We would like to thank parents, carers and community members for supporting us last week with our Big Dig. This event was a great success and we cleared planters for spring, built new raised beds and composting bays as well as planting trees and setting up our polytunnel to be ready for a new season of planting and growing.

This year we hope to build on the successful growing season we had last year and continue to embed knowledge and understanding of sustainability.



INDOOR KIT

Can we respectfully remind all school pupils that they should have indoor shoes to change into. These can be their PE trainers, as long as they are not worn outside.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Tuesday 14th March – Primary 2 Class Assembly (9:30 for parents in school hall)

Friday 17th March – PLPs home for discussion

Monday 20th March – PLPs returned to school

Wednesday 22nd March – Parent Consultations

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Thursday 30th March @ 9:30 – School Performance of Easter Assembly

Friday 31st March @ 9:30 – St Andrew's Church Performance of Easter Assembly

Friday 31st March – School closure 12:40

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April – Spring Break

Monday 17th April – All resume

Monday 17th April – 28th April – Developing the Young Workforce Focus Fortnight

Friday 28th April – Curriculum Overviews home

Monday 1st May – May Day Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – Inservice Day

