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Dear Parents/Carers
Welcome to our latest newsletter

What's Been Happening This Term?

We are nearing the end of another busy term and as always there is a positive buzz about the school and lots of great learning happening in all our classrooms.

We have had another very successful whole school literacy week this term which was organised by Mrs MacFadyen and Mrs Henderson. Every class visited the library and we thank Ann in the library for all her support.

Great fun was had by all on our rescheduled World Book Day and there were so many fabulous costumes on show! Please see our school blog for a selection of photos taken on the day.

Primary 7 have started their transition activities to High School with an indoor challenge day at Preston Lodge. This involved a range of activities testing out their team work and problem solving skills.

Primary 6 are looking forward to their residential trip to Loch Insh after Easter. Can we please remind parents/carers that the balance for this trip should be paid by 29th March. We are also having a parent/child meeting on Wednesday 21st at 6pm to discuss the arrangements.

Primary 2's and 3's have been working with Shonagh Davidson our drama specialist as part of their Viking Project and they are looking forward to a trip to the National Museum on 21st March. They will also be sharing their learning with you at their upcoming assemblies and open mornings.

East Lothian Youth Summit -Two of our P7's Max Aniello and Erin Towers represented the school at the inaugural ELC Youth Summit at the Brunton Hall last week. Young people from across the county gathered to hear key notes speakers and discuss their thoughts on education. Max and Erin did a fantastic job of representing the views of the pupils at Longniddry - well done!

National Nurture Conference - Members of our pupil voice group were also invited to speak at a recent national conference at Murrayfield. Max, Erin, Lily and Isla spoke about the work they have done in school as part of the pupil voice group and also work we have all done around the School Vision, Values and Aims and the SHANARRI well-being indicators



Jars of Grace - just a reminder that we are still collecting coppers for our 'Jars of Grace' in school. These jars will be taken to Longniddry church when we go for our end of term Easter Service.



UNCR Rights Respecting Silver

Assessment - we are excited to be having an assessment on Monday 26th March for our Silver Rights Respecting Award. The assessor will visit classes and speak to staff and pupils about the work we have been doing.

Nursery Door Opening Times - Can we please remind all Nursery Parents/Carers that the opening times for the Nursery doors are as follows:

8.32-8.45am Drop off
12.15-12.30pm Pick Up

1.15-1.30pm Drop Off
3-3.15pm Pick Up
4-4.15pm Pick Up

In the event of your child arriving out with these times can we please ask that you come in via the school office as the staff cannot leave the children to open the doors once the nursery session has started. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time to avoid disruption to the nursery and the wider school.



NUT FREE SCHOOL - can we once again remind parents/carers that we are a nut free school as we have children with severe life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products. Please be vigilant when packing lunch boxes and snacks that they do not contain any nuts.

Staffing Updates - We have welcomed Mr David McNeill to our team this term. Mr McNeill and Mr Whillans will share the role of Senior Facilities Assistant



Lateness - can we please ask that all children are in the playground on time for the bell ringing at 8.50am. Persistent lateness causes disruption to the rest of the class and to the wider school.



P1 & P7 Photos- Mike Biagi will be back in school on Friday 16th March to take whole class photos for our P1's & P7's

Free School Meals Entitlement- Is your child eligible for free school meals, and if so, have you registered? Did you know schools receive additional funding of £1,200 from the Scottish Government for every pupil in P1 to S3 who is registered for free school meals? This is called Pupil Equity Funding, and schools use this additional money to help fund a wide range of initiatives to support achievement and provide the best possible opportunities for children's learning. How do I know if my child is eligible for free school meals? Please visit our website www.eastlothian.gov.uk to check your eligibility and download an application form.

Even if your child does not wish to take up the option of having a free school meal every day, we would encourage you to register so that your child's school will receive the Pupil Equity Funding allowance to support their learning.

Playground Issues - Can we please ask that parents/carers continue to be vigilant about their child/ren's behaviour and safety at the start and end of the day especially if they are playing in the playground or on the astro. There are still regular incidents being reported to school staff about rough play



Parking - sadly despite repeated requests a number of parents/carers continue to park on the zigzags and yellow lines at the front of the school for nursery and school drop off and pick up. Inconsiderate and dangerous parking (including on the pavements) puts the safety of all our children at risk. Can we please ask again that where possible you do not park in Kitchener Crescent / John Knox Road. With the good weather and lighter mornings approaching can we please ask that you consider walking to school or 'parking and striding'. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.



School Uniform - can we please remind everyone that the school uniform for Longniddry consists of our purple sweatshirt (or P7 Hoodie) a white polo shirt and grey/black school trousers, skirts, shorts or dresses. Can we please ask that children do not wear jeans and hoodies with logos to school unless there is a dress down day or a school trip where casual dress has been agreed in advance.

Recycled Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that we have a large selection of nearly new, recycled school uniform for sale at very reasonable prices. If you would like to have a look at our stock please come to the school office for a browse.

Dates For Your Diary This Term

Friday 16th March -

11am P2/3 Assembly & Open Morning
11.40am P3 Open Morning

Monday 19th March -

Library Visits for Nursery, P1, P2/3 P3

Wednesday 21st March -

P2 P2/3 P3 Trip to National Museum
Nursery am to Gosford Woods
6pm P6 Loch Insh Meeting

Friday 23rd March -

11am P2 Assembly and Open Morning
11.30am P4 Open Morning

Monday 26th March -

Rights Respecting Assessment

Tuesday 27th March -

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 28th March -

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Thursday 29th March -

All final payments for Loch Insh to be sent to the school office or paid online

End of Term

Monday 16th April - All Start Back

As always, please don't hesitate to contact school at any point if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

Sheona Skinner

Headteacher