

# Sandersons Wynd Primary School

## September 2021

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We have had a really productive term so far! It has been amazing to see our school community back together and with the easing of restrictions it has been a joy to see friends from the same year group being able to play together in the playground and especially seeing more of our friends from the HUB being able to move through the school to use the gym hall again! With the weather being kind to us we have had lots of opportunities to be outside and enjoy our school grounds for both play and learning! As the weather is changing we hope to be able to keep using the school grounds as much as possible so please make sure that your child is prepared when coming to school as we all know how quickly the weather can turn – I say this as I am sitting in short sleeves listening to the rain now hitting the window! If you need support to ensure your child is prepared for the weather please do let us know!

This term we have also had a short visit from our Quality Improvement Officer – Karen Haspolat who gave really good feedback on the learning engagement in our school and is already looking forward to her next visit! We have been so impressed with the learning going on in our school and can't wait to share this with you at the upcoming parental consultations!

### Parent Council

The parent council had their first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September it was so lovely to see so many new faces as well as people who have been long standing members of the parent council! The parent council were keen to thank Lynn Greenan for her role as Chair last session and were delighted to welcome Ines Byrne as our new Chair. The parent council provide a huge support to the school – some of the ways you can get involved in fundraising are:

Sandersons Wynd Parent Council have registered with the East Lothian Community Lottery - sign up and be in the draw on the 30<sup>th</sup> October for a chance to **WIN £1000 in John Lewis Vouchers** as well as the usual **weekly cash prizes**. Participating in the Lottery makes a big difference, with 50% of ticket sales coming to the school! <https://www.eastlothianlottery.co.uk/support/find-a-good-cause>

We're also registered with **easyfundraising**, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up, with big donations available when you renew your home/car insurance or change your broadband/energy providers via the site. Sign up here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sandersonswyndpc/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=whatsapp&utm\\_content=fdr21-w1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sandersonswyndpc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=whatsapp&utm_content=fdr21-w1)

If you're a regular shopper on Amazon, we're registered for charitable donations through their AmazonSmile programme too! Visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to link your account to ours.

### Clothing

We are continuing our school uniform clothing bank within the school – this also includes donations of coats and fleeces. If you would like some support with uniform please contact the school office and we will be happy to help in any way we can. If you have any donations of clean, used school uniform these can be handed in to the school office at any time. Thank you!

### Park Smart

**P** Thank you to those who have managed to avoid parking on the double yellow lines around our school! Unfortunately there are still some people doing this so if we could please ask in the interests of safety please consider where you park if you drive your children to school. Parking on the double yellow lines along Sandersons Wynd causes issues for children crossing the road and we ask you not to do this. Use of the HUB drop off area is for children accessing the HUB or with advance permission and should not be used to park or drop off. Our school car park gate closes at 8:50am and remains closed until 9am, they also close at the end of the day between 2:45pm and 2:55pm and finally between 3:15pm and 3:25pm. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping our pupils safe on their journey to and from school.

## Staff

This term we have seen two members of staff move on to exciting new adventures. Mrs Wilson-Beales has worked at Sandersons Wynd for long time and will always be remembered for being the driving force behind our journey through outdoor learning. Mrs Wilson-Beales has provided so many outdoor learning experiences for our pupils including forest schools, soup kitchens and our fabulous P7 Stay at Home Camp. She has also supported and inspired our staff to take our learning outdoors. We would like to thank her for all she has done for our school and pupils and wish her well in the next part of her journey! One of our janitors Alan Devine has also moved on to a new job this week and we will miss him in our school, he ensured our school was running smoothly and has left his project for 'Wee Jannies' in Jamie's capable hands! Good luck with your new job Alan and thank you for all you did in Sanderson's Wynd!

## Playground Safety

At the moment we are still limiting access to the playground to parents who are dropping off and picking up children in P1-3 or children who need extra support coming in to school. Thank you for supporting us in doing this as it significantly lessens the number of adults in our playground and supports social distancing!

A number of safety concerns have been raised in relation to the playground at drop off and pick up times so please could we ask you to remember the following:

- Bikes and scooters should not be used within the playground, please encourage your child to come off these at the school gate and push them to the bike shed. This also includes younger siblings and adults.
- Electric scooters should not be brought into the school grounds, there have been a couple of near misses with these and we would ask you to leave these at home.
- Dogs, with the exception of service dogs, should not be brought into the playground. A number of dogs are now being brought into the playground and we have had several instances of dogs dirt being left on the path which is then brought into our school on unsuspecting feet! Please do not bring your dog into our playground.

If you do have any concerns at drop off and pick up time please alert a member of staff.

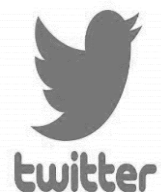
## Dates for your Diary

- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Parental Consultations (Virtual)
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parental Consultations (Virtual)
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – End of Term
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Return
- 26<sup>th</sup> October – Pupils Return

## Keep up to Date!

We like to keep you up to date with what is going on in our school, as well as newsletters and text messages we also regularly update our school twitter feed with information, stories, pictures and reminders! Follow us @SandersonsWynd

If you are new to twitter and need support to get started please ask and we will be happy to help!



Our School Web-site has all copies of our communications as well as other information about our school. You can visit it at [www.edubuzz.org/sandersonswynd](http://www.edubuzz.org/sandersonswynd)



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