



# East Lothian Council

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## **Parent/ Carer Update 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Head Teacher Award Winners

Well done to all of our award winners this week!

Primary 1 – Theo for Kindness

Primary 2 – Hope for Pride

Primary 3 – Sonia for Belief

Primary 4 – Maja for Belief

Primary 5 – Lacey for Pride

Primary 6 – Mason for Belief

Primary 7 – Kesha for Pride

### Breakfast Club

We are still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested. Kerry from Fa'side Community Kitchen came to speak at our parent council meeting on Wednesday and highlighted the positive impact a breakfast club can have on our learners' health and education. We are looking for 5 parent volunteers in total ideally which would allow us to run a timetable of once a week. If childcare is a concern but you would be keen to take on a volunteering role then please get in touch.

### House Captains

Following elections the results for house and vice captains this year are as follows:

<b>Forth</b>	<b>Tyne</b>	<b>Esk</b>
Captains - Jorja and Isla S Vice Captains - Shea and Nadia	Captains - Kesha and Esmee Vice Captains - Alyssia	Captains - Lucy-Jo and Lucy R Vice Captains - Isla M and Lily

#### Parent Council Bake Sale

A bake sale will be held in the form of a community café in the gym hall from **1:30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. Everyone is welcome to come along and classes will also have slots to go along with their teachers. If you would like to donate any home baking then please leave it with the school office on Thursday morning. For allergies we do require all baking to come with a clear list of ingredients used.

#### Primary 5 Assembly

Primary 5 assembly will be in the gym hall from **9:30am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Parents and carers are all welcome to attend.

#### Family Friday

Our first Family Friday of the year will be on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. On this day parents and carers are invited to join their children in their classroom environments from 11am. For Primary 5 parents you will be welcome to stay on after their class assembly with light refreshments provided.

#### Date for the Diary – Parent Information Event

In school we use the language of Zones of Regulation to help our children manage their feeling and emotions in an expected way. I would like to invite all parents and carers who are interested in learning more about this to a parent information session on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11am in the school gym hall. During this sessions we will learn:

- \*Zones of Regulation – what does it mean?
- \*What is the difference between expected and unexpected behaviours?
- \*Defining the size of the problem.
- \*How to have a restorative conversation.

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to ask any questions they might have and also to engage with the resources that we use in school. All are very welcome to come along!

#### Staffing Update

Mrs McManus will be returning to school as planned on 25<sup>th</sup> October. She would like to thank everyone for all of their kindness and well wishes over the last couple of months.

I would like to also extend my thanks to Mrs Johnson for the support she has given to Primary 6 since August. Whilst Mrs Johnson will return to her contractual days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday she will continue to teach Primary 6 on these days. This will support Mrs McManus' transition back to school and ensure stability for our Primary 6 class.

Mrs McManus' teaching timetable will be as follows:

Monday and Friday – Primary 6

Tuesday and Wednesday – Primary 4  
Thursday – Primary 7

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend ahead.

Mrs Davies and all at St Martin's Primary

