

West Barns Primary School

August Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to West Barns Primary School and a warm welcome to the children and families who are joining our school this term. We hope you all had a good break over the summer and the children are fully rested and ready to go! We are delighted to welcome new members of staff as well as new pupils in the Nursery and across the school.

This year West Barns has joined Innerwick & Stenton Primary Schools under one leadership team. We are looking forward to working with both schools on shared projects linked to our School Improvement Plan over the year.

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate the leadership team. We always appreciate your feedback.
Ronnie Taylor (Head Teacher) & Laura Hay (Depute Head Teacher)

Our School Improvement Plan 2019-2020

This year we are working with our pupils, staff, parents and the wider to community to:

- Develop opportunities for digital learning across the curriculum in the school and nursery.
- Continue to raise attainment by reviewing teaching pedagogies
- Continue to provide opportunities for children to develop as leaders and in leading learning.
- Review and develop the use of our Learning Journeys as a means of reporting to parents
- Develop the outdoor classroom space for P1/2
- Developing community links to support learning

School Uniform

We would like to ask for your support in encouraging all pupils to wear school uniform.

Polo shirts: White or blue with or without school logo

Tops: School sweatshirts/cardigan - Blue with or without the school logo. Purple for P7 pupils

Bottoms: Plain tailored trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore - black, navy or dark grey

School dress: Blue checked

The school has a uniform recycling initiative at the office. Parents who would like to donate used school uniform in good condition can leave items in the box. We are encouraging parents and families to help themselves to these items for a small donation.

Staffing Update

We welcome the following new staff to our school this term.

Head Teacher — Mr Taylor

P3/4 teacher — Miss Hutchison — teaches Mondays and Tuesdays

Early Years Practitioner — Mrs Munroe

Additional Support Auxiliary—Miss Robertson

Our P7 teacher, Mrs Whiteley-McPhee will be going on Maternity Leave in December. We will be recruiting for a new class teacher after the October break.

Ensuring every child has 2 hours of PE each week.

Scottish Government has made a commitment to ensure that every primary school pupil in Scotland will benefit from at least two hours per week. To help us deliver this please could parents ensure that pupils have their PE kit with them at school everyday. Should your child be unable to participate in their PE lesson please could parents inform the school in writing, by email or by phoning the school office.

Traffic Around The School

We would like to remind everybody to take care when driving around the school. Please make sure that you:

- park in an appropriate place
- reduce your speed when driving in the built up area around the school
- use the one-way system during drop off and pick up times.
- watch out for children walking, cycling or scooting to and from school



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Reminders for Parent/Carers

- Could all **dinner money** be paid weekly (preferably on a Monday) (£8.00 or daily (£2.00) **in advance**.
- Please could you ensure that **pupil belongings**, especially school sweatshirts, t-shirts and cardigans are **clearly named**.
- Regularly check our **lost property box** in reception for missing items. Each year we are left with a pile of clothing, bags, lunch boxes and toys that pupils assure us do not belong to anybody!
- We collect old clothes, shoes, handbags and belts through the **recycle bin** in the school playground to raise funds for the school.
- If your child is sick and unable to attend school or Nursery please could you phone us and let us know **before 9.30am**
- Please could you ensure that your child has a **water bottle at school**. We encourage children to drink water regularly during the day to help concentration and keep them hydrated.



Supporting our School

Our West Barns Helping Hands group is invaluable as throughout the school year we will have a number of different tasks that we need support with including school trips, making resources, helping with baking, painting, sewing and making costumes etc. Some of the tasks can be completed away from school.

If you would like to add your name to our list of Helping Hands please leave your name and email address at the school office. We will contact you when we need help and if you are able to offer support just email or phone us with your availability.

Dates for Your Diary

Terms 1 & 2 2019

Open Morning	Friday	30th August
Primary 7 Camp	Mon - Fri	2nd—6th Sept
Masterclass Day—Digital Literacy	Thursday	12th September
September Holiday	Friday	13th September
September Holiday	Monday	16th September
Pupils return to school	Tuesday	17th September
Rag Bag collection	Tuesday	8th October
Harvest Assembly	Friday	11th October
School closes for October break	Friday	11th October
October Break	Mon — Fri	14th—18th Oct
Pupils return to school	Wednesday	23rd October
P6 Rugby Festival	Wednesday	23rd October
Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme	Thursday	24th October
School Photographer	Thursday	24th October
Parent's Evening & Curriculum Evening	Tuesday	12th November
P6/7 Rugby Festival	Wednesday	14th November
Parent's Evening & Curriculum Evening	Thursday	14th November
Scottish Book Festival Week	Mon—Fri	18th—22nd Nov
Learning Journeys returned to school	Friday	29th November
P1/2 & P3/4 Christmas Show	Tuesday	10th December
Christmas Panto	Tuesday	10th December
Christmas Dinner	TBC	
P5/6 & P7 Christmas Party	Monday	16th December
Nursery Christmas Party	Monday	16th December (TBC)
P1/2 & P3/4 Christmas Party	Tuesday	17th December
Christmas Assembly	Friday	20th December
Finish school for Christmas	Friday	20th December
Pupils return to school	Wednesday	8th January