

West Barns Primary School

December Newsletter

A Christmas Like No Other

This year our celebrations of Christmas will be different due to current guidance around covid-19 but we are determined not to let that affect our Christmas cheer!

School Christmas Parties

All classes will have a Christmas party on Thursday December 17th. Parties will be planned by the children and held in classrooms.

We ask that children do not bring party clothes into school as we continue to spend part of our school day outdoor as part of our core teaching and learning.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on December 9th. Children will eat Christmas lunch with their teachers in their classrooms. If you wish your child to have a Christmas school lunch then please order on the iPay system by December 1st.

Christmas Cards

We ask that children do not bring Christmas cards into school both on environmental grounds and with concerns around covid-19. Instead each class will design and share festive messages to display within their classrooms

Jingle Bag Appeal

This year we are collecting donations for the Jingle Bag appeal run by East Lothian food bank.

If you're able to help then we are collecting the following items at the front office:

Let's get ready to jingle....

From 1st December everyone referred to us will receive a food parcel *and* a JINGLE BAG they can put aside for Christmas day.

Our jingle bags contain everything needed for Christmas dinner including some top tips for cooking.

If you would like to help fill a jingle bag here's what we need:

- chicken/turkey (tinned)
- potatoes (tinned or packet mash)
- carrots (tinned)
- sweetcorn (tinned)
- peas (tinned)
- gravy (packet)
- bread sauce (packet)
- stuffing (packet/box)
- Christmas pudding
- custard
- mince pies
- biscuits
- Christmas chocolates or a Christmas selection box
- Christmas savoury snacks

Christmas Panto

Can covid-19 stop us from enjoying a Christmas pantomime? Oh no it won't!

We are delighted to be able to enjoy a virtual re-telling of the story of Rapunzel, presented by The Brunton Theatre.

All classes will watch the pantomime in their classes on Thursday December 10th.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year we are unable to hold our annual Scholastic Book Fair in school. Instead we have joined a new online Book Club where every £1 spent earns 20p for the school.

Order your books online by December 4th to receive for Christmas. The link has been shared with parents in our weekly emails home.



Vision, Values and Aims

Following a wide consultation with pupils, staff and families regarding our vision, values and aims we are now able to present a revised outline. Our updated vision, values and aims is a working document and the children are now exploring these new values through class discussions and school assemblies.

Next steps:

- work with classes to develop a child friendly version of our vision, values and aims
- hold a final consultation with all stakeholders after Easter
- to review our curriculum rationale to plan how we will achieve this vision

Our vision

We continue to use TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) West Barns as our vision statement to encompass the close working relationships that we have with all stakeholders as we strive to support all children to reach their full potential and to develop curious, creative and healthy minds.

We aim to:

foster a nurturing, positive whole school ethos based on fairness, inclusion and respect and to promote the health and well-being of our school community

build and maintain effective partnerships with families and outside agencies to support all children to achieve

make meaningful and relevant curriculum links to our unique local environment to provide high quality learning experiences

support children in developing as reflective individual who can lead their learning. Our children will be motivated, resilient and ready to learn.

prepare children for the wider world through engagement in local and global issues to develop as global citizens.

School Values

Our values underpin our relationships; they outline what we consider to be most important in the way we interact with each other. They should be visible in the way we behave and communicate with each other.

Friendship & Kindness
Ambition & Perseverance
Inclusion
Respect
Safe

Staffing Update

Ms Ferguson will remain as class teacher in P4/5 for the rest of the academic session as Mrs Whiteley-McPhee has chosen to take a career break to spend more time with her daughter.

Children In Need

Many thanks to everybody who supported our Children in Need Appeal this year. We raised £102.10. Well done!



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