

West Barns Primary School

September Newsletter

Hot off the press...

We have recently been awarded £3000 from Education Scotland's Food for Thought campaign. We will be using this money to develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes towards food technology across the school. This funding has enabled us to buy a fabulous new cooker that can be wheeled around the school and lots of new cooking and baking equipment. Every pupil will be involved in our Project Plenty this year. We will be working alongside The Ridge to support pupils, families and staff in developing their own skills and enthusiasm for growing, preparing and eating different foods.



Staffing Update!

Miss Findlay our Dinner hall and playground Supervisor leaves West Barns PS this week to take up a different post. We thank her for her time working with the school and wish her all the best for the future. We have recruited a new member of staff to cover this post and will share more details when we have completed the paperwork.



Don't Forget..

The school will be closed Friday 15th September and Monday 18th September for our September break. We will reopen for pupils and staff on Tuesday 19th September. Hope you all enjoy the weekend.



Traffic around the school

Parent Council have asked us 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

This way we can keep all our pupils and their families safe.



House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains.

Biel Captain: Poppy Lees

Biel Vice-Captain: Ciara Lees

Forth Captain: Blair Hood

Forth Vice-Captains: Ryan Dunn &

Melissa Lawson

Tyne Captain: Jasiu Zakrzewski

Tyne Vice-Captain: Caley Gillies &

Katie Kelly-MacGregor

We are sure they will be excellent role models to the rest of the school.



Ground Force Needed...

We are starting a gardening club on Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30pm until 1.15pm. This is going to be led by Mrs Rosie MacDonald, our Nursery Nurse and Mrs Margaret Forsyth our Janitor.

If you can spare an hour to help please let us know.

Our school grounds need you!!



Also if you can provide us with any plants or shrubs, logs, branches, bark or gravel that we could use in the garden please could you let us know. Some of the areas need a real refresh!

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Dates for Your Diary

Terms 1 & 2 2016

September Holiday	Friday	15th September
September Holiday	Monday	18th September
Pupils return to school	Tuesday	19th September
Harvest Assembly	Friday	13th October
School closes for October break	Friday	13th October
October Break	Mon – Mon	16th–23rd Oct
Pupils return to school	Tuesday	24th October
P3/4 Badminton Festival	Wednesday	25th October
P3/4 Rugby Festival	Thursday	26th October
School Photographer	Thursday	26th October
Rag Bag Collection	Thursday	31st October
P7 pupils to Risk Factory	Monday	27th November
STEM Masterclass Day	Wednesday	1st November
Curriculum Evening (5pm–7pm)	Tuesday	7th November
Children in Need	Friday	17th November
Parent's Evening	Tuesday	21st November
Parent's Evening	Wednesday	22nd November
Learning Journeys returned to school	Friday	1st December
Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme	Monday	4th December
P1-4 Christmas Show	Tuesday	12th December
Christmas Panto	Tuesday	19th December
Book Fair	Mon–Fri	27th November to 1st December
Christmas Dinner	TBC	
P1-3 Christmas Party	Wednesday	20th December
Nursery Christmas Party	Thursday	21st December
P4-7 Christmas Party	Thursday	21st December
Christmas Assembly	Friday	22nd December
Finish school for Christmas	Friday	22nd December
Pupils return to school	Monday	8th January

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Reminders for Parent/Carers

- Could all **dinner money** be paid weekly (preferably on a Monday) (£7.60) or daily (£1.90) **in advance**.
- Please could you ensure that **pupil belongings**, especially lunchboxes, school sweat-shirts, 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.



Pupil absences from school

Can we remind parents that if your child is absent from school for any reason please could you phone the school **before 9.30am** to let us know. If we do not hear from you we will try and contact you to make sure that you know that your child is not in school that day. We do this to ensure the safety of our pupils. Please help us by ringing in early.

