

# West Barns Primary School

## October Newsletter

### Harvest Festival

On Friday 13th October at 10.30am we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly led by Rev. Neil Watson. This year we will be collecting **donations of non-perishable food** in support of the Dunbar Food Bank. The children are working hard with Mrs Mailer our Music Teacher on pieces that they will perform on the day. All are welcome. After the assembly please join us for a **Harvest Lunch** prepared by our **Primary 6/7 pupils** in conjunction with the Parent Council and The Ridge.



### Don't Forget..

The school will be closed from Monday 16th October until Monday 23rd October for our October break. We will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 24th October. We hope you all have a good break and take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term.



### Head Teacher Update

The decision to create a joint Headship for Stenton and Innerwick Primary Schools was made by councillors at their meeting in August. There is now a recruitment drive underway to appoint a new Headteacher for this post. Mrs Whitford will continue to manage these schools until the new candidate is in place.



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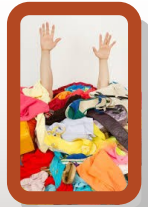
### Staffing Update!

Welcome to Miss Sylvia Robertson our new Dinner Hall and Playground Supervisor. Miss Robertson started work with us on Monday 2nd October and has already begun to get to know the children.



### We Want Your Old Clothes!

Let us turn your old textiles into cash for the school. We are collecting old clothes through the **recycle bin** in the school playground to raise funds for the school. We will also be sending home bags for you to fill and return. We will be using the money raised to help fund our school trips throughout the year.



### I have a GROWTH MINDSET!



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Do You?

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## Dates for Your Diary

Terms 1 & 2 2017

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.



### Arrival at School

Can we please remind parent and carers that children should not arrive at school before 8.30am. We only have playground supervision from 8.30am.

