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# Dedridge Primary School And Glenvue Nursery School Newsletter February 2018

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for all our latest notices and news.

## SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2017/2018

### TERM 2

**Staff Resume** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Pupils resume** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Mid-term All break** Friday 9 February 2018

**All Resume** – Wednesday 14 February 2018

**Term ends** - Friday 23 March 2018

### TERM 3

**All resume** – Monday 9 April 2018

**May Holiday** – Monday 7 May 2018

**Staff resume** - Tuesday, 8 May 2018

**Pupils resume** – Wednesday 9 May 2018

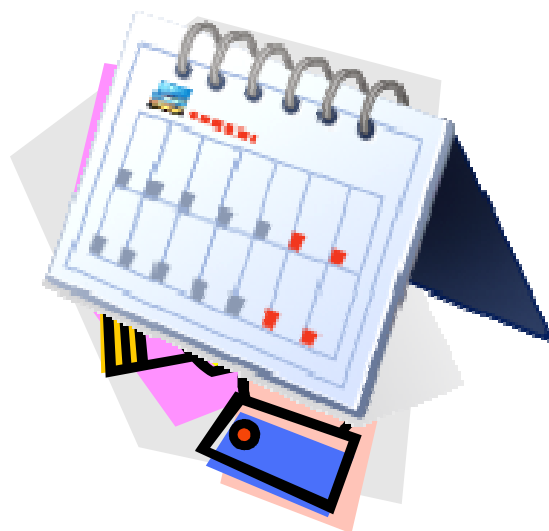
**Local Holiday** - Victoria Day Monday 21 May 2018

**All Resume** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

**Nursery and Primary term ends** – Friday 29 June 2018

**SESSION 2017/2018** -Staff resume Monday 20 August 2018

**Pupils resume** – Tuesday 21 August 2018



Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope that you are all managing to keep warm in this cold weather! Fingers crossed that this is the last of the snow, although I am sure that children are not saying that!!!!

Our newsletter is now being split into two parts. We are going to create a termly SWAY to show you all the exciting things that we are doing in our classrooms and a diary / general newsletter from myself. The SWAY will be shared electronically so please keep a look out for this on the blog and in your E mails.

## Communication

Between now and Easter we are going to be sharing a lot of our news electronically. This is to make our communication more efficient and to allow us to save paper which supports our sustainability agenda. Please ensure the following:

1. We have an up to date E mail address for you.
2. You check the blog regularly as we put information on the blog on a daily/weekly basis.

Please let us know if you do not have an E mail address or do not have access to the internet as we will begin to solve these problems.

After Easter, we will aim to communicate largely using electronic means such as internet and Blog / new school website.

Contact/blog details are listed at the end of this newsletter.

## Successes



Over the past term Dedridge has had many successes, some of which I would like to share with you now.

As you know, Dedridge has been developing a reading culture within the school. This has been very successful and we have been asked to present at a West Lothian conference to share this good practice. Thank you to all of the Dedridge team who have worked so hard on this project.

We have also been asked to be part of a digital learning conference which is taking place. We are 1 of 5 schools in Scotland who are being asked to Skype in to share our successes with digital learning. Thank you to Mrs Kirsteen Steven and staff who have worked so hard to promote this part of our teaching toolkit.

Mrs Iona Mohammed has also written a new curriculum for us and there are schools who wish to come and see this as a model of best practice. This aims to develop our pupils' awareness of sustainability and developing the young workforce. Education Scotland are also very interested in the approach we are taking. Thank you Mrs Mohammed!

Our school's creative approach to learning and teaching has also been recognised within the authority and people are asking to come and speak to us regarding the approaches we are taking.

Our pupils have also achieved great success with Findlay having his story shared on the BBC 500 words live lesson and Alyssa winning the John Lewis competition for the school.

Well done to all pupils and staff in Dedridge!!!!!!

## Anywhere, anytime learning

Letters for P5-7 pupils have been issued regarding anywhere, anytime learning. This means that pupils will be able to bring their own devices into school.

Pupils will need to sign a code of conduct before this is done. Please contact us if you require another copy.

### Our Vision:

In Dedridge Primary School, we want to create a purposeful, fun and safe environment where everyone can grow and learn to the best of their ability.

### Big Bedtime Read

As part of our family learning program and building the reading culture we are going to offer P1 and P2 parents/carers the opportunity to take part in a 'bedtime read' program.

The dates for this are:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> March  
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a story with us – you can wear your PJs and bring a teddy!  
Mums and dads can wear PJs too (if they want to)!

We will be serving a supper of hot chocolate, milk and toast and we're brushing our teeth too!

You can take a book away to read at home!

We hope you can join us, we're so excited!



### Families Connect

Families Connect was a very successful project for our school and we wish to thank all families who supported us with this initiative. We are going to run this project again in the final term for nursery parents whose children are coming into P1. It will be called 'I am ready for school . . . .' Look out for further details about this.

### Parent Consultations

This term, Parental consultations will take place on

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

We have again set up our online booking system and you will be able to book appointments from 10<sup>th</sup> February onwards.

### Generation Science!

**Thursday 1st February 2018 - 2pm start - Bio Systems Smart Grid**

P5, P7 and Class 4 -

**Tuesday 6th February 2018 - 2pm start - Vibration and Waves**

P3 and P6 -

**Tuesday 20th February 2018 - Space Base**

P4 first session 9am start Class 3 and Class 2 second session 11.15 start

**Wednesday 21st February 2018 - Little Giants Bio Systems**

P2 First session 11.15 start

P1 and Class 1 second session 2pm start

Generation Science will be visiting on the above dates to deliver exciting science lessons. There is a charge of £3 per child (£6 for families of more than 3). This should be paid through your child's iPayimpact account.



# General notices

## **Pupil absence**

Please contact the school by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school. A Groupcall message will be issued to parents who have not contacted the office – failure to respond will result in the Safe Arrivals Team being contacted.

## **Late/Early Arrivals**

We have noticed a number of latecomers recently. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.45 a.m. and playground staff are in place from 8.25 a.m. We ask that children do not arrive at school before 8.25 a.m. unless they are attending Breakfast Club which starts at 8.10 a.m.

## **Parking**

West Lothian does not permit the dropping off / collecting of children from the car park. This is due to the size of the car park and safety of children. Please do not bring your car into our car park as there will be an accident and this is not something that any of us want to see. We are currently discussing this with the council.

## **School Uniform**

(as stated in our School Handbook)

The school uniform is as follows:-

- Grey / black trousers / skirt
- White shirt / blouse
- Black shoes
- Navy blue cardigan
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt with school badge
- Gold or Red Polo-shirt
- School tie

**Please note that black (jumpers, cardigans, hoodies) are not part of the Dedridge Primary School uniform.**

## **Photography in School**

Following advice from Police Scotland we (Dedridge Primary and Glenvue Nursery School) have taken the decision that we will no longer allow photography or video recording of children by parents/carers when attending school events. This decision has been taken for the protection and safety of all pupils.

## **PE Kit –**

Mr McCurdy our PE specialist is here on Wednesday and Thursday but PE kit should be in school all week for class lessons. Please ensure your child has suitable kit and indoor shoes with them.



## **School Photographer:**

The photographer was here last week taking Glenvue and DPS photos. Proofs have been sent home.

Please return orders to school by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.





**ipayimpact** – We are keen that all parents/carers to register for ipayimpact as all trips and events will be offered through the online payment system. Once you have registered school meals can be ordered in advance (even if your child is in receipt of free meals). We will issue login details again shortly for those parents/carers who have not yet activated their account.

### **Parent helpers**

As always, we are very keen to involve you as much as we can in the upcoming session. Please let us know of ways that you feel that you can support the school whether this be through working in the classrooms, supporting on trips, fundraising or on the Parent Council. A PVG application will have to be completed before you are able to help us in school, these are available from the school office upon request.

**Head Lice** – Unfortunately children from time to time get infected with head lice. Please check your child's head regularly and treat any infestations when found. Advice on how to detect, treat and prevent are available from NHS Health Scotland. [www.healthscotland.com](http://www.healthscotland.com)

### **Bicycles and Scooters**

Please remind your child that if they bring a bike or scooter to school they should not ride them within the playground at the beginning or end of the day. Children should dismount and walk their bikes to the bike rack in Area C playground before locking them. Cycle helmets should be worn for safety. Any child found riding a bike in the playground will be reminded of the rules.

## Reminders

### **\*\*\*Peanut/Nut/Sesame Seed Allergy\*\*\***

We have children in the school who have an allergy to peanuts and nuts. I would ask that children throughout school **do not bring nuts, sesame seeds or peanut butter** sandwiches for lunch or snack. As you will appreciate contact with nuts could be fatal for these children.

- *Please label all clothes.*
- ***Please check your child's hair for headlice regularly.***
- *School uniform should be worn every day – no black jumpers/cardigans.*
- *Jeans, earrings (other than studs), slippers as indoor footwear, drinks in class (other than water) are not allowed.*
- *Mobile phones must be given to the class teacher to be sent to the office for safe keeping at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.*
- *School meals are £1. 97 per day. Payment can be made online through iPayimpact.*
- *Dogs must not be brought into the school grounds.*





## Charity/Fund Raising

Thank you for your continued generosity. We have been able to make the following donations on behalf of the school and nursery through the children's fund raising efforts.

**Macmillan Cancer Support** - £340.15

**Children in Need** - £250.91

**Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day)** – £115.97

**School Book Fair** - £92.20 earned in commission for free books for the school

**Rag Bag (School Textile Bank)** £60.25 since August

**Christmas Fair** – on the day we raised £912. After Panto, parties and Christmas activity expenditure have been taken into account it leaves a net amount of £578. This amount goes into our school fund account and is used for subsidizing future trips and events for children. All trips are subsidized before we request contributions from you. Thank you.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Rag Bag collection** – we will be participating in a Rag Bag collection. Bags will be distributed in the next few weeks. Have a clear out at home and fill your bag with clean good quality adult and children's clothing, shoes, belts hats (no bric-a-brac). Your bag should be returned to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March by 9.00 a.m. (we have limited storage so please only bring it in on this date). Proceeds from the Rag Bag collection will be added to school fund.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** we will be supporting the **Lots of Socks** campaign in aid of **Down's Syndrome Scotland**. This will be a dress down day and pupils can wear odd socks, lots of socks, one sock, brightly coloured socks, mismatched socks or any variation of socks. The more inventive they are in how they wear their socks the better! A suggested donation of £1 is requested.

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th February	<b>Generation Science P4 Class 3 and Class 2</b>
Wednesday 21st February	<b>Generation Science P1, P2 and Class 1</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Appointments 5.00 p.m. start</b>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Parent Appointments 3.30 p.m. start</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Dedridge Does Café 3.15 p.m.</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>P1/P2 Big Bedtime Read 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Rag Bag Collection</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Skiing and Snowboarding – P6/7</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>P3 P4 Performance “Sing Easter” 1.45 p.m.</b>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<b>P3 P4 Performance “Sing Easter” 6.30 p.m .</b>
Friday 23rd March 2018	<b>Lots of Socks Fundraising Event – Down Syndrome Scotland</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Holiday</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>In Service Day</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Dedridge Does Cafe</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Lowport Residential - Primary 4 and 5</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Triathlon 2018 Deans Community High School</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	<b>Holiday (Victoria Day)</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Lendrick Muir Residential – Primary 6 and 7</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Area D Classes Fluoride Varnishing</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Dedridge Does Café 3.15 p.m.</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Break up for summer holidays 12.30 p.m.</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Staff resume</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>Pupils resume</b>

### **Child Protection**

We follow West Lothian child protection procedures in school. All staff have been trained in the updated procedures and are clear of their duties and responsibilities in this area. As a parent you should be aware that if the school staff have any cause of concern or evidence of abuse, we have a contractual duty to report this to either Social Work, Police or Health immediately. This is without prior notification to the parents. Please understand that this is better in the interests of all children's safety and protection for us to err on the side of caution and we would rather apologise for mistakes and/or errors of judgement than not following up concerns or evidence and allow for a child to be put at risk, seriously hurt or harmed. A full copy of our Child Protection Policy is available on request. **West Lothian Child Protection Committee (CPC)** has its own website. The website describes the work of the CPC, advises the public of who to contact if they have a concern about a child and what the agencies do once they receive information.

The website contains the contact details of organisations who can help adults deal with their own problems and contains information for children and young people about the child protection process, their rights and where they can get help. Hopefully people will feel more confident passing their concerns on knowing what happens once the information is received. The website address is [www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk](http://www.childprotectionwestlothian.org.uk)

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If you have any comments or suggestions to make about anything you have read in this newsletter or about Dedridge Primary in general, I am always keen to hear them. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### **Complaints Procedure**

Schools in West Lothian have been advised of changes which have recently been made to the West Lothian Complaints Procedure. To make a complaint to Customer Care in West Lothian in writing should be addressed to:

Customer Service Centre  
Education Services  
West Lothian Council  
Civic Centre  
Howden Road South  
Livingston EH54 6FF

By phone 01506 280000  
In person at any Council office or  
by e-mailing [customer.service@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@westlothian.gov.uk)

### **Communication**

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**Facebook:** our Parent Council can be found on Facebook under Dedridge Primary and Glenvue Nursery School Parent Council