



Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2015

I hope that you all had a relaxing Easter holiday and the weather was certainly a bonus. This term will be extremely busy as pupils prepare to transition to their next class as well as take part in our summer term activities. Children will also be completing CEM assessments as part of our school assessment policy which will help the school to inform its next steps to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils.

On another note the health and well-being of all our pupils are of utmost importance to us. With this in mind please can I stress that we are a nut free school. Please can you remember when you are providing your child with a snack or when making packed lunches for school lunches or school trips that they should not contain nuts. I thank you in advance for your continued support with this.

Nicola Thompson

Classes for next session

I can confirm that we will have an eleven class structure in the primary school next session. The classes will be: P1 (2 classes); P2; P3/2; P3; P4; P5/4; P5; P6; P7/6; P7.

The school will continue to implement the West Lothian Council Composite Class policy to organise children into these classes. There will be a general meeting to discuss composite classes on Thursday 21st May at 5pm for parents to ask any questions regarding the composite class policy.

Please note that whilst parents/carers may have a preferred class for your child(ren) the school cannot accommodate any requests.

The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe

M& M productions will be visiting the school on 25th May to perform the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe for P3 to P7 pupils. Following this performance the children will complete written work which is linked to our School Improvement Plan. The cost of the performance will be £3.50 per child. Please can you send this money into school in an envelope with your child's name week beginning 19th May.



Lost Gym Kit

A P6 pupil has lost their PE kit comprising of a Nike orange top and light blue aqua shorts. If your child has accidentally brought the home an incorrect gym kit please return to the school office.



PSA Spring Fair



As you may be aware the PSA is operating with greatly reduced numbers this year and as a result we have had to change the format of our Spring Fair. We will be holding a Mini Spring Fair on Friday 15th May straight after school.

The good news is all the favourite stalls will still be there but only in the main hall. The Spring Fair is an ideal opportunity to start that spring clean and clear out your cupboards. We need your donations so we can go ahead with our usual stalls.

So if you are having a clear out over the Spring break, please remember to put something aside for us:

- Toys unopened or in good condition
- Children & adult books and DVD's (no VHS).

The PSA have also organised a **Dress Down Day on Friday 1st May** – wear your own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation to the PSA. (No football colours please).

On another note the school will be having a rag bag collection on 11th May – bags to be issued separately.

Mid Calder Gala Day

This year Mid Calder Gala Day will be celebrating its 100th birthday. All pupils will be learning about an aspect of Mid Calder through the ages.

All primary and nursery pupils are invited to walk with the Gala parade on Saturday 6th June.

Pupil can receive a Gala Goody bag at the end of the parade which cost £1. Please complete tear off slip below and return payment by **Friday 15th May**.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th April – P4 visit to Tesco as part of the Food to Fork project

Wednesday 29th April – P4/3 visit to Tesco as part of the Food to Fork project; Parent Council meeting at 7pm

Thursday 30th April – P3 visit to Tesco as part of the Food to Fork project

Friday 1st May – Dress down day (£1 donation to PSA)

Monday 4th May & Tuesday 5th May – Pupil holiday

Wednesday 6th May – P1 to Pizza Express

Thursday 7th May – Primary school closed to pupils (**Nursery open**)

Friday 8th May – P2/1 assembly at 10am; P4 swimming assessments

Monday 11th May – Rag Bag Collection; After school clubs start; PSA meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 13th May – P6 Cross Country at Parkhead PS

Friday 15th May – PSA Spring fair at 12.45

Monday 18th May – School holiday

Thursday 21st May – Afternoon group nursery assembly at 1.30pm

Thursday 21st May – 5pm – Parent Information Evening: Composite classes

Friday 22nd May – Morning group nursery assembly at 9am

Monday 25th May – P3-P7: Lion, Witch & Wardrobe showing

