

Mid Calder Primary Newsletter October 2016



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Dear Parent/Carer

Where has a full term gone?

Throughout the school the children have been learning about many different topics and the classrooms are looking bright and inviting. Some children have been experiencing outdoor learning this term and the children were very excited when they came back to explain what they had been doing and what they had seen. It is great that new opportunities arise which keep the children enthusiastic about their learning and give them ownership of how to take the learning experience forward. It also gives them the opportunity to explore different ways of learning; sometimes the classroom is not always the best place to enthuse children. I would like to thank the parents who helped on these trips because without helpers these outings could not go ahead. If you are a parent/carer with a few extra hours and feel you could offer help please call at the office and complete a PVG form and we could add you to our list of helpers.

We are almost at a full complement of staff and following very recent interviews we, hopefully, will have a new teacher starting soon. This will be after all West Lothian Council checks are carried out and when they can be released from their own school. This will give class teachers a regular professional dialogue opportunity through time out of class with our support for learning also back to a full balance of hours.

I hope everyone has a lovely break and I look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 25th October 2016

Mary McKenzie

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Following extensive discussions with pupils and staff last session it was decided to look at a vision for the school, a short overarching vision that everyone would be aware of and understand. Our assemblies the past few weeks have looked at this vision and what it means for the school as a whole. We do have no doubt that our children believe in themselves and through this self-confidence they will achieve the best they can and therefore succeed in what they do. I hope you will join us and be part of our vision and we can continue to build on the previous good work and continue to raise attainment and achievement across the whole school.



E- Mail Address

I would like to send out paperwork from the school via e-mail if possible. I know this will not be convenient for all but it will make a huge difference not only to our paper consumption but to the returns to school for a variety of reasons. I know that most e-mail addresses are on our data return forms but if you still wish a paper copy or have omitted to tell us your email address could you please make contact with the school office and hopefully the next newsletter will come through e-mail to everyone who has signed up.



“I – Pay”

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to I-pay for school meals, milk payment and school trips the difference to our office staff has been amazing! Should you need any further guidance please get in touch with Mrs Findlay in the office.

NUT ALLERGY



We have a few children who have a severe allergy to nuts. I would ask that you do not send nuts or a derivative with nuts in as a snack for break or lunch.

Thank you for your help with this.

Breakfast Club

It is lovely to see so many children taking advantage of our breakfast club. However, we have encountered a few problems. Children are arriving at school too early, breakfast club starts at 8.05am and as the weather gets colder I am sure, like me, you do not want them outside for a long period of time.