

Dates for Your Dairy

Friday 20 th January	Burns Assembly
Wednesday 25 th January	P6 & P7 out to see the show 'Alice'
Friday 27 th January	P4a Assembly
Thursday 2 nd February	PSA – Movie Night
Friday 3 rd February	P6 Assembly
Friday 10 th February – Tuesday 14 th February	School Closed
Friday 24 th February	P7 Assembly
Friday 3 rd March	P4b Assembly
Monday 6 th March	P7 out to Risk Factory
Friday 10 th March	P6/7 Assembly <i>(change of time 10am)</i>
Tuesday 14 th March	P1, P1/2 visit to Robertson's house site Pupil Council visit to house site
Wednesday 15 th March	STEM open afternoon
Thursday 23 rd March	Parent's Night 3.30pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Assembly in Church
Friday 31 st March	Celebration Assembly
Monday 3 rd April – 18 th April	School Closed

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Believe, Achieve and Succeed

Dear Parents / Carers,

I do hope you had a lovely Christmas. I would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

The children have all settled back into school routine and are now thinking about their next topics, including learning a Scottish Poem for the Burns competition.

Having completed an audit about our resources for Reading and Spelling we have begun to update and extend the resources within the school. It is lovely to get new books into circulation and supply the children with high quality resources to use both at home and in school. I would like to thank all parents who took time to complete our evaluations; this information will feed into our School Improvement Plan and help determine how we continue to take it forward. Our staff have been working closely with West Calder cluster schools to further develop the understanding of 'Growth Mindsets', 'Building learning Power' and 'Visible Learning'. They will be, in conjunction with all cluster staff, implementing small tests of change within their classrooms. Information to report on the outcomes will be available to parents on our Standards and Quality leaflet next session.

School is not just about children extending their knowledge but about everyone within our learning community 'learning' in some capacity. We intend to have another open afternoon this session, to share our learning with you. We hope you will put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy seeing what your children are achieving. The date for this will be Wednesday 15th march at 1.30pm. If you have any 'skills' or 'expert knowledge' you would be will to share with staff and children in our school please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mary McKenzie

'Parent's Night News'



To give a further focus to parent's night I intend sending school jotters home prior to the actual parent's night. The first jotters will come home on Friday 24th February to be returned Monday 27th February. I hope this will give you time to look through and discuss with your child what they have been learning in school. Should you then have any questions or comments to make this can be discussed with the class teacher.



Nut Allergy

Please consider our children with nut allergies and avoid sending snacks to school with your child that contains nuts. Thank you

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who supported our 'Alice' show, 'Infant Nativity Show', our 'Nursery Nativities' also our visits to the Church. It was a huge success for all the children who took part and they thoroughly enjoyed performing. I would also like to thank the members of the PSA who tirelessly served tea and coffee, ran raffles and so on at every performance.

School Times

Breakfast club begins at 8:05 but we still have a few children standing, from before 8am, outside. The weather has been very mixed lately and some mornings have been dark and cold for children standing outside.

On the other hand we have a few children who are late for school every morning and it would be great to see them in class with their friends first thing. This for some children will avoid upset.



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have any comments or suggestions to make about anything you have read in this newsletter or about Mid Calder Primary in general I am always keen to hear them. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Schools in West Lothian have been advised of changes which have been made to the West Lothian Complaints Procedure. To make a complaint to Customer Care in West Lothian in writing it should be addressed to: Customer Care (Education Services), West Lothian Council, Civic Centre, Livingston EH54 6FF. Tel: 0800 328 5143