

Please check our school blog for updated information about our pupil's learning.

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Dates for Your Dairy

18th May – Reading Curriculum Evening 6pm – 7pm

19th May – P2/1 Assembly 11.10am

22nd May – Holiday

25th May – Princess Anne visit to Mid Calder Church

26th May – P1 Assembly 11.10am

30th May – Sports Day 9.15am

1st June – P7 Fair

3rd June – Mid Calder Gala

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



Mid Calder Primary Newsletter May 2017



Believe, Achieve and Succeed

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an exciting but extremely busy term ahead for everyone involved with Mid Calder Primary School.

Primary 7 have begun the countdown for transition to High School and the nursery children have started transition arrangements for moving up to P1. It is an exciting but nervous time for them and I am sure as parents you will experience the same feelings.

Our Reading Curriculum Evening will be held on 18th May at 6pm, when we hope you will be able to attend. We will share our improvements in connection with our school improvement plan and then staff will give 'hints and tips' to enable you, as parents, to further support your child at home.

Following feedback from parents nights I will be sending jotters home with school reports this session to enable the children to discuss their learning with you. This will also give the opportunity to comment or give targets to help learning in maths and Literacy which leads to further involvement in your child's learning.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents who have responded over the session to help with trips and outings. We would find it difficult to staff these on our own, so thank you.

Mary McKenzie

Nut Allergy

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



Breakfast Club

The ladies at breakfast club have continued with our 'Connect Four' champions.

I would like to say well done to all the children who won last term and thank the staff who are organising this

Fidget Toys



These are distracting children within the classroom I have therefore asked them not to be out in classes. Should they be out I will take them off the child and return them at the end of the day. I do hope you will support the school with this and encourage children not to bring them into school.

School Self - Evaluation

Self – Evaluation questionnaires will be sent out to parents in the very near future. I would be grateful if you could complete and send back to enable us to take your opinions into account when we are looking at how we can take the school forward for next session.

I will give feedback at our Reading Curriculum Evening on the evaluations parents completed at the parents evening and how we have addressed some of the constructive comments received at that time..



Composite Classes



We are reaching that stage in the session when classes are being discussed and organised for next year. I have a few considerations and meetings prior to finalising what the school structure will be in August 2017.

Having come from schools where composite classes had to be looked at every year, I do understand how upsetting and frustrating this can be for parents and it can also worrying for children.

There is general information on our school blog but I firmly believe that looking at the chronological age of the child is a fair and successful way to structure a class which has 2 or more year groups within it.

It is my intention then, when the school organisational structure is finally set, to composite where need be using this criteria. This often means that the age gap can be less than is normally experienced within a usual year group class. I also firmly believe that socially children from a split year group should be given the opportunity to be together as often as is possible.

I will hold an information evening as soon as classes are finalised with the parents and children involved in any composite classes within school.

Mary McKenzie