



# Mid Calder Primary School and Nursery Newsletter June 2017



## Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are approaching the end of another school year. We have had many highlights since the beginning of the session and it will conclude with the same excitement. From Nursery to P7 the children will have their own special memory to look back on. It could be their performance in the Nativity, the production of Alice, their Remarkable Reader Award or Stem Award, a Living the Values certificate or an achievement recognised through I – Achieve. It may even be the completion of an amazing piece of work, coming up with a theme for new learning, presenting at a conference or sharing learning at their class assembly. As a school our highlights have been many but a few are, sharing our digital learning with colleagues from across West Lothian, being recognised for our achievement in peer mediation from both out with and within West Lothian, the monies we have raised for various charities and the food the children collected for local food banks. The list could go on, but I think what is most important is that every child has tried their best in everything they have completed and these accolades help us to say that they do.

### Great Expectations

It's time to say good-bye  
Our year has come to an end.  
I've made more cherished memories  
and gained many more new friends.

I've watched your child learn and grow  
and change from day to day.  
I hope that all the things we've done  
Have helped in some small way.

So it's with happy memories  
I send them out the door,  
With great hope and expectations  
for what next year holds in store. (Anon)

I would like to thank the members of the PSA for all their fund raising events this year; they have worked relentless to raise money for our playground and to improve the space for the children. The grand total is over £10,000, which is a massive achievement. The Pupil Council will take time to get feedback from all children about what they would like for the playground and feed this back to the PSA to move this forward in the new year. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday.

Mary McKenzie

## NURSERY



The new nursery should be completed in ample time for us to have access before the end of term. However, the children will not transfer prior to the holidays because care commission have to inspect the building to ensure all procedures and fittings are as required. It will be amazing to open the doors when we return in August.

The old nursery will be demolished during the summer holidays and the land returned to a playground area. This will be partially grass and partially 'hard standing ground' giving us a larger playground area. The infant playground will be resurfaced and the P1 and P2 children will continue to play in this space. It has been a great success this year to have the infants in this area hence the reason we have decided to keep this as the infant playground.

We will be losing one teacher from the nursery in line with recommendations from West Lothian Council. Mrs Diamond will finish at the end of term, I am sure you will join with us in wishing her every success in her new position. Congratulations to Mrs Findlay, who will become our Early Years Officer.

### 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.

### School Uniform



*It is hoped next session to have all children wear plain black gym shoes or black trainers for indoor shoes.*

*Thank you for your support with this.*



## Mid Calder Class Structure 2017 - 2018



We have an exciting year ahead of us with the opening of our new nursery building and the introduction of 16 full day places to complement our morning and afternoon nursery numbers. The school structure for the year will be 10 register classes.

**Nursery Staff:** - Nursery Teacher, Mrs Murray

Early Years Officer, Mrs Findlay

Nursery Nurses, Mrs Aikman, Mrs Murphy

**School Staff:** - P1W, Mrs Walker

P1P, Miss Prior

P2, Mrs Smith

P3, Miss Sherlow

P4, Miss Clark

P5A, Miss Anderson

P5C, Mrs Campbell

P6, Mr Renshaw

P6/7, Ms Richmond

P7, Miss Tuke

RCCT, Mrs Brolls, Mrs Redmond

Cluster Maths Teacher, Ms Allsopp (Funded by our Pupil Equity Funding)

**Pupil Support Workers;** - Mrs Comb, Mrs McCormack, Mrs Clark, Mrs Robertson & Mrs Brown.

**Office Staff;** - Mrs Bokhari

I will be holding an open evening on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** for the parents of children in the P6 & P7 stages. This will be held to explain how we are going to structure the classes in this area to ensure P6 children work together as often as is possible and likewise for the P7 children, giving them true year group identities.

## School Reports



We have completed the new format for school reports this session which is being used by all West Lothian Schools. We have increased the profiling we have completed in school and part of this was sending home our jotters, the use of Didbook in P6 and P7 and the learning taking place in each class through our school blog. This will be further extended next session to include you as much as possible in your child's learning. As a result of parental feedback we have sent our jotters home with reports to help build that picture of learning for you with respect to your child.

Within each jotter there is a target setting evaluation sheet and we would be grateful if you could complete this with your child for the new school year. This would be a target your child would work on until the jotters come home next session to be updated. All jotters must be sent back to school with these new targets in them. Thank you.

## Dates for Your Dairy

12<sup>th</sup> June – P6 Botanic Gardens

P1 induction Evening

13<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition day / 'Move on Day' 11am – 12.30pm

The Lion King Show 6.30pm start.

14<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition day

The lion King Show 1.30pm start

Nursery Parents Meeting 4pm

15<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition day

Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic

The Lion King Show 6.30pm start

16<sup>th</sup> June – Lepra sponsored keep fit

19<sup>th</sup> June – P2/3 Beach trip

21<sup>st</sup> June – M & D's P7 trip

22<sup>nd</sup> June – Nursery Leavers Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Celebration Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day 9.15am weather permitting

Nursery Trip

P7 Leavers Assembly 2pm start

29<sup>th</sup> June – Church Service 1.30pm – all helpers welcome

30<sup>th</sup> June – School Breaks for summer holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> Aug – School resumes for all children

## 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