September 17th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

A wee reminder that next week is the September holiday, so school will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, the Nursery will remain open as usual however. School opens Wednesday 23rd September. Please see the link to the revised term dates which have been confirmed for the current session 2020/21 and the dates for next session 2021/22 <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays>

I think the children have done an amazing job these last few weeks…as all of you have done too! Returning to school has been a mammoth step and some of our children are still understandably wobbly at times and may continue to be so for some time yet. Be assured our staff are doing a great job supporting them within the school day and I know you are receiving e mails and phone calls when requested.

On Monday and Tuesday we will be serving lunches as we did during lockdown and the holidays between 12 and 1.30 pm. Miss. Smith and Mrs. Combe have kindly agreed to distribute lunches on these days. <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/free-school-meals-september>

The soft starts will continue after the September holiday but with one small change. **The gates on the back and front playground will now open at 8.30 am**

Staggered school start times and finish times remain the same and Breakfast Club will still operate between 8 am and 8.25 am. Please may I remind you not to drop off children any earlier and leave the children at the front gate (unless P1).Thank you. After 8.25 am the children will need to enter the school from the back entrance or front gate as appropriate at 8.30 am. As per the NHS advice circulated previously, only one parent/carer should drop off children to support social distancing around the school.

It is so lovely to see so many families greeting their children so positively at the end of the school day. Do enjoy your extended weekend together.

The PSA AGM will take place by way of a Zoom call on Wednesday 23rd September 6.00 pm The link to log on is below. The meeting will last no longer than 40 minutes.  Unlike previous years, there will not be a PSA meeting after the AGM.

  Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/97135804125?pwd=N01SUjVWOTY2b0tWeTlZN1VCNStpZz09

Meeting ID: 971 3580 4125

Please consult PSA page for passcode to join or contact the school

As ever, please get in touch with the school via e mail or phone call and someone will respond to you as soon as possible. We are still unable to arrange face to face meetings at the moment. [wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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