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14th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made a super start to the term with plenty of active learning happening around the school. The children are already employing their digital skills to good affect and I must commend **all of the P7 pupils** for their House Captain manifestos and presentations shared on line. It was a hard decision but we must congratulate our successful House and Vice captains: Cunigar House Captain Sam Hardie, Vice-Captain Finlay Cuthbert. Linhouse House Captain Naomi Schmidt, Vice-Captain Brandon Inglis. Almondell House Captain Rory Paris, Vice-Captain Evie Barnes and Calderwood House Captain Lucas Marra, Vice-Captain Aidan Thomas. Well done everyone!

PSA AGM 15th September 2021 at 6.30pm for a Zoom Meeting.

Joining Details Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97622817941?pwd=SjEwcUtiSnIwcDhVeUdTbWMYzENkQT09>

Meeting ID: 976 2281 7941

Passcode: 2CBjsA

Important Dates

Tomorrow Wednesday Week of 15th September 2021 Hands Up Scotland Survey 2021

PSA AGM 15th September 2021 at 6.30pm details above

Thursday 16 September P1 and P2 Dentist Visit (details now shared)

September Holiday Start Friday 17 September - Tuesday 21st All return Wednesday 22nd September

Monday 15 November Nursery Nasal Vaccine Programme

Friday 19 November School Nasal Flu Vaccine Programme

Wednesday 17 November School Photographer for individual/family photos including Nursery children

22nd, 24th and 26th November SPCA workshops in school



Last Saturday, Jamie Powley from P7, participated in the Tae Kwon Do Open Scottish Championships at the Oriam at Heriot Watt. He is already planning to enter into the next championships!



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There is no doubt that the past 18 months has changed all of our lives in ways we could not have imagined - affecting our relationships, our finances and our mental health. For families living on a low income though, the daily stresses of getting by were unfortunately nothing new, and the pandemic has only made matters worse. Families have faced additional costs such as higher food and energy bills associated with staying at home more. New evidence shows that those in the greatest financial difficulty going into the pandemic are more likely to have reported mental health problems. Removal of the Universal Credit £20 weekly uplift at the end of October will mean even more families will be pushed to the brink and struggle to stay afloat. West Lothian Council's Advice Shop are here to help. Families can speak to an adviser who can check benefit entitlement, provide help with claims, assist with budgeting support, energy and debt advice. To speak to an adviser call 01506 283000 or email advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop

Check out the following website for some September weekend family fun. <https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt-the-national-arboretum/playing-through-the-seasons-westonbirt-arboretum>

To support our outside learning opportunities. our school has signed up to Morrison`s Good to Grow project donating gardening equipment. <https://my.morrison.com/blog/community/good-to-grow/>

After the September break, Calderwood Primary School will be leaving us. It will take a while to reconfigure our learning spaces again but any changes to pupil drop off and collection will be communicated in due course. Current arrangements will remain in place for the time being. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

A wee reminder that breakfast club operates from 8 am Please do not drop off children unsupervised before this time. Thank you in advance.

Please do not hesitate if you need to contact the school for any reason, someone will return your call/e mail as soon as possible. wlmidcalderps@westlothian.org.uk tel. 01506 882092

Kind regards,

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