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22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have made it to the end of term! Thank you for your kind support to our school -it has been very much appreciated. We do hope the children enjoyed their Christmas activities despite the cancellations and interruptions this term.

### **Important Dates**

**School Closes Wednesday 22 December**

**INSET Day school Wednesday 5 January**

**Nursery Resume Wednesday 5 January**

**School Resume Thursday 6 January**

### **Livingston FC | Free Ticket Allocation**

Some of our P6 and P7 parents were able to take us up on this offer THANK YOU to Livingston FC for their kind offer to our school.

Well done to Joe and Finlay from P7 for their achievement at their football club for most improved player and Player of the Year awards.



### **Selection Box Donation**

We would like to say a big thank you to Orchard Recruitment Agency who kindly donated selection boxes to all our children.

### **Free School Meals**

The school receives additional funding based on pupils registered for Free School Meals on the Healthy Living Survey data, which usually takes place in February. Please re register for free school meals. We realise children are already in receipt of free meals because of the age group but these will then not be included in the figures gathered from the Scottish Government. Thank you so much. <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43281/School-Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals-Milk>

### **Pupil Absence**

If your child is absent, from school please e-mail the school office or ring and leave a message on the school answer phone by 9 am. Thank you!



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### Staffing

You will be pleased to hear that our PSW Mrs Rae Rarity had a baby boy Lucca this month. Baby and mum are doing well despite the unexpected early arrival! This term, we said goodbye to Mrs. White who has now once again officially retired. No doubt, we will see her at the school gate to say hello etc! We have recruited a full time office administrator who will be starting when the recruitment checks have been completed. She is hoping to start mid-January.

### COVID Guidance

The most updated NHS advice is located on the link below. We are expecting to reopen in January as planned, but please check e-mails for any updated advice nearer the time. Please note that Warn and Inform letters will be distributed to classes if there is a positive case during an individual's infectious period. These letters are not distributed on a case-by-case basis. Please follow the advice in order to keep our school community as safe as possible. We really do appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/who-needs-to-self-isolate/>

Thank you for your kind contributions to the West Lothian Food Bank. Our collection has supported many families across West Lothian



Please do get in touch with the school via e-mail or telephone and someone will respond to you as soon as possible [wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wlmidcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk)



Merry Christmas and many blessings for all our families this coming new year,  
Hazel Thurlow