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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/midcalderps/>

6th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year! Hoping you have had some time with family and friends over the festive period and isolation rules have not affected our school community too much.

Important Dates <https://westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays-2021-2022>

Half Term Break for School pupils

Friday 11 February 2022 break up

Wednesday 15 February 2022 Pupils return

Friday 1 April Easter Break up

Our brass players started back today - well done to all of them for remembering their instruments. A reminder music lessons will take place as normal on Thursday mornings. It is great to see such a thriving group of musicians within our school.

Staffing

We will be saying hello to our new office administrator and breakfast supervisor mid. January. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. King on 14 January who after the long commute to West Lothian every day, has decided to finish as a janitor to pursue other interests. We wish him well.

Free School Meals

A reminder that our P5 children are now also entitled to free school meals from January 2022.

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.

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43281/School-Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals-Milk>

Covid Isolation

Please follow the latest guide for Covid isolation, which came into effect today. Cases prior to the 6 January will need to follow NHS Test and Protect guidance given at that time. We do have learning packs for children isolating who are well enough to work. Limited material may be posted on TEAMS and Seesaw. Since class teachers are full time in class, this will not be the same extent as was the case during remote learning.

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

Kind regards,
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