



Wiston Primary News Oct-Nov 2018

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Welcome back! This term sees Wiston Primary becoming a 'cashless school' when Parent Pay goes live in all Biggar Community schools. From 29th October, parents can set up an online facility to pay for school meals, milk, trips etc. We would strongly encourage you to set up your account using the activation letter sent home before the holidays. One word of advice- if you would like your child to have milk either at lunch or playtime you will need to ensure your child's milk is booked per week and funds are allocated into the relevant account on parentpay – this applies to pupils who pay only. (This does not apply to those who receive Free School Meals unless extra milk is purchased).

Elma McGregor, HT

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KINGSWOOD

The first payment for the P5/6 Kingswood Residential in November 2019, has to be received by the school office by Friday 26th October. Future payments should be made through Parent Pay.

BRASS TUITION

We are delighted that for the first time in quite a few years, we have brass tuition available to children in Primary 4-7. South Lanarkshire council provides this free for children in P4 and P5. We hope that as many children as possible take up this offer. If we don't use it, we lose it!

BENCHBALL/NETBALL

On Wednesday 24th Oct our P4-7s are heading to Biggar High School with P4 and P5s taking part in a benchball tournament and P6 and 7s playing netball.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Miss Logan has been busy practising with the after school dance club. They are taking part in the Clydesdale Dance Festival which takes place on Wed 14th Nov. More details will follow.

RUGBY

Biggar Rugby Club are coming to the school on 26th Oct and 2nd Nov for taster sessions with P4-7.

INSERVICE

School will be closed for pupils on Monday 19th November. Staff are working on our Improvement Priorities.

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EMERGENCY CLOSURES

As Winter approaches, it is important that the school has up-to-date contact details for your child including who to contact if there is an unexpected closure and parents are unavailable. If weather conditions become extreme, please check your mobile and South Lanarkshire Council website for information especially before your child is due to go to school.

PARENTS COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held in the school at 6.30 pm on Thursday 28th November.

ROOKIE ROCKSTARS



As discussed at our last Parent Council meeting, Wiston and Libberton Primaries will be combining to present a Christmas production with a difference! This will be based on enhancing self esteem and growth mindset. The children from each school will work with a group of professional musicians; they will record a CD of their songs and the final production will take place at Libberton Primary on Tuesday 18th December at 6.15 pm. to which families are invited. This will replace the Christmas event planned for Thursday 13th December. More details will follow.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Family and individual photos will be taken on Tuesday 6th November.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next parent/teacher meeting is on Thursday 1st Nov. Specific times will be issued.



LEARNING DIARY

This session, as part of our School Improvement work, one of our priorities is to encourage pupils to lead their own learning and identify in which areas they are doing well and those in which they need to work on more.

In partnership with their teacher and their peers, children have been completing their individual Learning Diaries to highlight what they have been learning.

This week, they will be bringing them home to show their family their own learning diary and I would ask that you take time to look over what is in it and discuss what they have been working on. A separate sheet will be sent home for you to make comment on your child's work and add any achievements from home. It would really be beneficial if you could work with your child at home on any of the targets your child has identified.

We appreciate your support with this and can I remind you, once again, of a quote from Jane D. Hull

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.