



Wiston Primary News Oct- Dec 2020

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In these uncertain times, it is so good to see the children working and playing together and having fun. I hope you are as proud of them as we are! They have proved to be very adaptable and they have settled in well to our 'new normal'. Thank you to Mrs Alcock, School Office and Ms Sykes, Parent Council, for their help in procuring a grant from Duneaton Community Council for purchasing a new Chrome book and camera equipment for the school. As ever, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch Stay safe and well, Elma McGregor HT

FACE COVERINGS Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who are now wearing face coverings when in the school grounds. We really appreciate your support in keeping our school community.



KEEPING WARM

In line with guidance from the Scottish Government as well as South Lanarkshire Council, we will continue to be learning and playing outdoors, please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather conditions on that day. It may be helpful for pupils to have a spare pair of socks, gloves etc. in their bag. As previously indicated, we have been directed to keep windows open to provide ventilation throughout the day; pupils are encouraged to wear layers and they are welcome to leave a warm school jumper on their coat peg in case

INSERVICE

School will be closed for pupils for an in-service day on **Monday 16th November**

HALLOWEEN

Next Friday, 30th October, we are having a Dress Up/Dress Down Day. Children can come to school in either costume or casual clothes- no Halloween masks or additional items (pumpkins, swords etc) to be brought from home. During the day, we plan to have some Halloween fun ever mindful of the Covid restrictions.



PARENT PAY

Please keep a regular check on your Parent Pay balances.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

It is vital, with the approach of winter and the ongoing issues around keeping safe, that all your emergency contacts are up to date and that you inform us of any changes to your own mobile numbers.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have agreed to continue with our Christmas Card Fundraiser. Children are working on their design for their very own card. Your child's design will be sent home, on the design sheet is also the order form, please fill the form in and return to the school by **Thursday 29th Oct**. The packs can be paid for on ParentPay. Thank you for your continued support each year with the Christmas Cards.



HOME LEARNING

Many thanks for your continued support as we develop our use of Google Classroom at home. As well as being a useful tool for home learning, it will be invaluable if the children are confident in its use for going to Biggar High School.

We are aware it is a steep learning curve for many, but our staff are on hand to offer advice if needed. We are encouraging parents to become involved in their children's learning but at the same time, it is important to encourage their independence e.g. if your child is working online on Sumdog, do not be tempted to give out answers as this will give the teacher a wrong impression of your child's progress.

HELPLINES- some useful numbers

COVID – 19 Sources of Help & Advice

Emergency Social Work: 0303 123 1008
Educational Psychologist: 01698 455800
(10:00am - 3:00pm) enquiries@slcpsych.org.uk



Community Helplines (for support with shopping, prescriptions etc.)

SLC Community Helpline: 0303 123 1009
Symington: 078 07 235 81