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We have had a very busy start to our new school year with an excursion to BBC studios for Primary 4-7, a football festival and a library visit as well as an Estonian student and Laura Brown, a former pupil, each spending a week working in class with the pupils. Please take time to check out our website for photos of these events which will be uploaded shortly.

Can I take the opportunity to ask for your support in ensuring children complete their homework and hand it in on time? Teachers have identified areas the children can practice/work on at home and it is beneficial in teaching them about time management and independent working as well as giving parents an insight into what their child is learning at school. Please contact me if you have any queries.

As the weather is becoming progressively colder and more changeable please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately with a warm, waterproof jacket.

Elma McGregor  
HEAD TEACHER

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please come along and join us for our Harvest Festival to be held in Libberton & Quothquan Parish Church on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

### STAY & PLAY

Our first Stay & Play of this session is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept from 3-4 pm.

Please encourage new or prospective parents to come along. Mrs Forde will be available for any Primary 1 parents with any queries about the Primary 1 curriculum, especially literacy.

### OPEN MORNING

If you would like to find out more about what happens in the classroom, please come to our Open Morning to be held in the school on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 09.30 am when you will see our new Active Literacy in action.

### CLANS

Our new clans this session decided to take on a film theme. We have Wonder, The Incredibles and Pete's Dragon who are all working hard to gain points ably led by our Primary 7s.

### ABSENCES

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please inform the school by phoning before 9.30am. Where no notification is received we will make all reasonable attempts to contact parent/carer or emergency contacts.

### FLU VACCINATIONS

These took place today! Everyone who signed up received the vaccination.

### PARENTS COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held the Annual General Meeting to be held in the school at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### PANTO

This year we will be going to Lanark Memorial Hall to see Snow White & The Seven Wee Muppets on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. More details to follow.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Photos will be taken on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November this year – details to follow.

### RUGBY

Biggar Rugby Club are coming to the school on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Oct for taster sessions for P4-7.

### FRENCH

Miss Campbell and Primary 4-7 have been enjoying visits from Ms Reid, a French teacher from Biggar High School.

### PARENT PAY

This is now due to go 'live' on 25th October. Please check your child's bag/ text messages for any updates.

### KINGSWOOD

Our Primary 5 and 6 pupils are being given the chance to attend a week long residential at Kingswood, Hexham in November 2019. Check out the website for further information. The first deposit of £40 is due by 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### RME

Please be aware that parents have the right to withdraw their child from Religious and Moral Education lessons, visits from the school chaplain, Christmas parties and school services. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further.

### PARENTS' EVENING

Parents/carers are invited to come and meet with their child's teacher to discuss their progress on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 3 pm-8 pm. Details to follow soon.



## LEARNING DIARY

This session, as part of our School Improvement working, one of our priorities is to encourage pupils to lead their own learning and identify which areas they are doing well and those which they need to work on. Working with their teacher and their peers, they have been completing their individual Learning Diaries to illustrate what they have been working on. Towards the end of this term, they will be bringing 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.

Please make sure the diary is kept safe at home and returned to school.



Some of the children with their Learning Diaries

We appreciate your support with this and can I remind you 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***