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Welcome back! This term sees Libberton Primary becoming a 'cashless school' when Parent Pay goes live in all Biggar schools. From today, parents/carers can set up an online facility to pay for school meals, milk, trips etc and we would strongly encourage you to set up your account using the activation letter sent home today. Please be advised, however, that the school will not be able to access these funds until the live date of 29<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore, lunch money etc will still need to be paid as normal until that date. If you would like any help with this or have any questions, Mrs Forster and Miss Macdonald are offering a drop in session this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>) from 1pm-3pm. One word of advice - if you would like your child to have milk either at lunch or playtime, you will need to ensure that milk is booked for every day your child would like milk and funds are into the relevant account on ParentPay - this applies to those who pay only. (This does NOT apply to Free School Meal Pupils (through the benefit system) unless extra milk is wanted). A huge thank you to all the parents, friends and businesses who helped in any way with Primary 4-7's enterprise last term when they constructed their very own Peace Garden in commemoration of the centenary of WW1. In particular, Mr Earl, who made us an amazing raised bed and Mrs Becky Lyon and Victoria who with the Primary 6/7s led a Slime selling Enterprise raising over £55! The children are justifiably proud of their hard work and would be delighted to show any parents/friends around it. They have planted bulbs and poppy seeds and our fingers are crossed for a colourful display in Spring. A photographic account of their work can be seen in the WW1 exhibition in Biggar Museum. *Elma McGregor, Head Teacher*

**STAY & PLAY**

Our next stay and play is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3pm-4pm. Please encourage new or prospective parents to come along.

**CLANS**

The winners of last term's Top Team were The Incredibles! They will be rewarded with their own Dress Down Day and a special treat at playtime. Well Done!



**KINGSWOOD**

The first payment (£40) for the P5/6 Kingswood in November 2019 has to be received by the school office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Future payments should be made through ParentPay.

**P7 BIGGAR HS OPEN EVENING**

There will be a P7 Open evening at Biggar HS on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – time tbc.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES**

As Winter approaches, it is important that the school has up-to-date contact details for your child and 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 leave for school.

**PARENTS COUNCIL**

Our next meeting will be held in the school at 9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Myra Dolan from a Credit Union will be joining us to discuss the possibilities of the school having its own Credit Union.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Photos will be taken on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – please return attachment if you wish for siblings out with school to be photographed. Individual and family shots of current pupils will be taken.

**RUGBY**

Biggar Rugby Club are coming to the school on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Oct for taster sessions for P4-7.

### **BENCHBALL/NETBALL**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **WW1**

Primary 4-7 will be attending Biggar Museum on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to see around the WW1 exhibition and hear a storytelling session. Miss Campbell and the class have worked very hard to produce a book for the exhibition reflecting aspects of the war and this can be seen in the museum.

### **PARENTS' EVENING**

Parents/carers are invited to come and meet with their child's teacher to discuss their progress on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm-8pm. Please see attached sheet for time requests.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Thank you to all those parents who came along and joined us for our Harvest Festival and to Rev Shand and the members of Libberton Church for making us so welcome.



### **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 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.15pm to which families are invited. More details will follow.



## **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 which areas they are doing well and those which they need to work on more.

In partnership with their teacher and their peers, they 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.

Please make sure the diary is kept safe and returned to school by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

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.***

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Please only return slip if you wish to bring siblings to the photographer**



Pupil Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to bring siblings, who are not currently at Libberton Primary, to the photographer on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

We will provide you with a time to arrive to hopefully avoid congestion at the photography prior to the date.

Many thanks!

**PARENTS' EVENING**

Thursday 8th November from 3pm-8pm.

Pupil Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer early appointment (between 3.15pm and 5pm)

or late appointment (between 6pm and 8pm)

or no preference on time

  
  


Signed: \_\_\_\_\_