Our first term has flown by, with our new Primary 1 children settling in, all the classes getting down to work and our new staff getting to know what a fantastic school we are! Many thanks for your support returning the many permission forms coming your way. The next few weeks are going to be very busy ones; please take time to check the diary. Next term our Primary 6 and P7 children are heading off to Kingswood, near Hexham for a residential adventure. We will be launching our very own Credit Union on Thursday 24th October; thank you to Mrs Forde and her parent and pupil helpers for organizing this and I hope Libberton pupils support them too.

Elma McGregor, Headteacher

**PARENT COUNCIL**
Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st October at 7pm in Quothquan Hall – please note different venue.

**BUILD A BEAR**
We will be welcoming a new pupil to Libberton this week when Primary 1-3 go to Livingston to build their very own bear who will join the class. He/she will be able to spend a weekend with each of the children and have some fun!

**DANCE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
We are excited to begin the after school dance club and hope our group can take part in the Clydesdale Dance Festival on Thursday 14th November. Kirsty Thomson who takes the class is a very busy lady and we are very grateful to her for giving up her time. P1-7 after-school Dance Club starts on Mon 7th Oct until Mon 11th Nov 3-4pm. Please return slip attached if your child is interested in attending.

**GAMES FESTIVAL**
P1-3 are going to Biggar High School on Wednesday 9th Oct to join in with lots of other children from the Biggar area, to take part in a Games Festival.

**KINGSWOOD**
There will be an information session for parents/children going to Kingswood on Wednesday 23rd October in the school at 3pm.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES**
As Winter approaches, it is important that the school has up to date contact details for your child and who to contact in the event of an emergency closure. If weather conditions are extreme, please check your mobile and South Lanarkshire Council website.

**OPEN MORNING**
Please come along to our Open Morning on Thursday 3rd October from 9.45-10.30 to see our literacy session live!

**NEW LANARK**
You are invited to come to the school on Tuesday 8th October at 2pm and find out what Primary 4-7 have been learning about during their New Lanark topic.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**
We will shortly be sending home Christmas Card orders based upon your child’s artwork! More information to follow!
BEN BALL/NTRBALL
On Wednesday 30th 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.

PAREN T S' EVENING
Parents/carers are invited to come and meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their progress on Thursday 24th October from 3pm-8pm. Please return the appointment slip at the end of this newsletter to book your time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
This session our chaplain, Reverend Shand invited us to join with Tinto and Carmichael Harfest Festival. We have designed and named our school sheep and it will be joining in HARfEST on Saturday 5th October at Thankerton Hall from 1-3.30pm.

HMRC
To further enhance our pupils’ financial knowledge, we have invited a rep from HMRC to come and speak to Primary 4-7 about money and budgeting on Wednesday 2nd October.

BIGGAR HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING
There will be an Open Evening for Primary 7 heading to Biggar High next session on Thurs 30th Oct. More details will follow.

SKY STUDIOS
Our Primary 4-7 pupils have a very exciting opportunity. On Thursday 10th October, they will be attending the Sky Academy Skills Studio in Livingston. Please check out the website (https://www.skyacademy.com) where it explains how: “Students will be able to create their own TV report about a subject they are studying at school using Sky’s state-of-the-art technology, including broadcast-quality cameras, green screens and touch-screen edit tables”.

LEARNING DIARY
Once again, in partnership with their teacher and their peers, the children have been completing their individual Learning Diaries to highlight what they have been learning. Very soon, 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 24th 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.*
**Dates for your diary**

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**Dance Club** – starts Monday 7th October until Monday 11th November

My child/ren are interested in attending the After School Dance Club. I understand I need to collect my child/ren at 4pm from school.

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________
Parent Signature: _____________________________________________

**Parents Evening** – Thursday 24th October

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________
Parent Signature: ______________________________________________

Time preferred (please circle choice):

Early session                                      Evening Session                                      Don’t mind