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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new term. I look forward to working with you in the course of this year. Please remember, we operate an Open Door policy and urge you to get in touch if you have any concerns – no matter how small. Often if we know about small problems in the very initial stages it can prevent them getting too big. Please contact the school office if you wish to speak with a member of SMT or to a Class Teacher.

## P7 Young Leaders Clubs

We are delighted to announce that our P7s will this term be leading clubs at lunchtime as follows – Rounders Club for P3 and P4; Football Club for P4; Basketball Club for P3 and Computing Club for P6. Please talk to your child and ask if they have signed up for the clubs. I know they will be very successful!

## Learning Together – Self –Evaluation Toolkit

Many thanks to the parents who gave up their time to help me to evaluate our progress in a variety of aspects related to parental involvement in school. I will share these results in due course.

## Scottish Assembly – 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9am

Please note the date for this annual event. All welcome to attend.

## Prestigious Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award for Linlithgow Bridge

Perhaps you will remember that we became the first school in the Linlithgow Cluster and one of the first schools in West Lothian to gain Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 status in 2014. As a result of this, since then, we have shared our journey with a number of different schools both within and beyond West Lothian. We are delighted that we have, very recently, been awarded the prestigious Gold Status after a full morning of assessment by UNICEF's Senior Professional Advisors and a subsequent evidence based assessment in London. We are currently awaiting our Certificate and Banner both of which will be displayed with pride to reflect the hard work of our pupils, staff and whole school community.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. **Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life.** Our assessors commented that we had confident and articulate pupils and very good relationships between pupils and staff in addition to giving pupils a wide range of opportunities to take action for their own rights and those of others locally and globally.

A huge thank you must go to the whole school community. We are the first school in the Linlithgow Cluster to receive the award!

Kind regards,

Susan Webster  
Headteacher



# Text Messaging

If the school has to close early or indeed if it cannot open at all because of inclement weather or another emergency, you will be notified by our Groupcall service. We ask that you check your mobile phones and listen to Radio Forth for regular updates during these times. **Information is also available on the West Lothian Council Website. Please remember to update your contact details with the School Office if you change any contact telephone number or email address.**



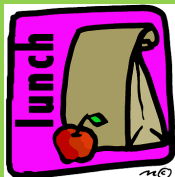
## Pupil Absences

If your child is absent from school or nursery please contact school by **9.15 am** on that day (Tel No: 01506 671428). Please note that this is a very busy time in the school office and if you are unable to contact us by telephone you can leave a message on the school answering machine or you can e-mail school on our school e-mail address:

**[wllinlithgowbridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wllinlithgowbridge-ps@westlothian.org.uk)**

## **Weather**

**At this time of year we can expect some changeable weather. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Thank you.**



## School Lunches

Please order and pay for your child's school lunches through the iPayimpact system. Lunches cost **£2.04** and all P1-P3 lunches are free but can still be ordered through iPayimpact. Please check your child's account regularly and pay for lunches at time of ordering. Thank you.

# School Website

<https://linlithgowbridgeprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

Please visit our brand new website which has now gone live!

## LINLITHGOW BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS ASSEMBLIES 2018-2019

We would like to give you advance warning for our assembly dates for this session. Please note the following dates for your diaries. All class assemblies will be held on Fridays at 9.00 am in the school gym hall:

P4 – 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Scottish Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> January  
P3 – 15<sup>th</sup> February  
P2 – 15<sup>th</sup> March  
P1M- 24<sup>th</sup> May  
P1W – 7<sup>th</sup> June



### Pupil Safety

In the interests of pupil safety, no vehicular access to the school area is permitted after 8.15 am.

Pupils should not arrive in the school playground before 8.30 am as there is no supervision.

"Park & Walk" – please consider parking in Aldi /B & M as previously advised. Congestion at the turning circle continues to be a problem.

I would very much like to continue to work in partnership with our parent body to help to make the school area a safer place to be. Your thoughts / suggestions are welcome!



### Breakfast Club

School Breakfast Club is open to all P1-P7 children, free of charge, every morning from **8.15 am**. P1–P6 children must be "signed in" by an adult but no prior booking is required! Please come along!

### Dress Down Days

Please note the following Dress Down Days chosen by our Pupil Council. These will help raise money for our main charities this year *which are UNICEF and Sick Kids Hospitals 'Read for Good' campaign*. Children are invited to dress down on the following dates and bring a donation for our charities. Our Nursery PM class are invited to 'dress down' on the Thursdays prior to the Friday dates:

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January – wear something tartan

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – wear pyjamas/ onesie and bring a teddy

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Crazy Hair day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Pupils dress as teachers

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – wear rainbow colours

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – sportswear

Pupils are invited to bring £1 on these days to donate to our school charities.

## School Contact Details

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Website: <https://linlithgowbridgeprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

Twitter: @LinlithBridgePS

### School Holidays

February half term break is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. All break for Spring holiday at 12.25 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and all return on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/16533/School-Terms-and-Holidays-20182019>



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### January 2019 Newsletter - Comments Slip

If you wish to make a comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding the school please feel free to do so. Please return your comment slip to your child's teacher or alternatively to the school office.

Pupil's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

# DIARY DATES

(check above for assembly, holiday and dress down dates)

## **JANUARY 2019**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Visit
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Workshop
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Café Conversation/Learning Together
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	January Skiing sessions for P4 and P5 9am- 12.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P6 to Hopetoun House
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Handball Festival – Linlithgow Academy 12.00 -2.45pm
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Parents Lagganlia Outdoor Ed meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Swimming Assessments – Leisure Centre at 2pm (£1 coin required for lockers)

## **FEBRUARY 2019**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup>	February Skiing Sessions for P4 and P5 9am – 12.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	In Service Day – holiday for children!
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents/Special Person Day 2.30 – 3.00 pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting 7-9pm

## **MARCH 2019**

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Linlithgow Academy Parent and Pupil Information Evening
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