

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

Our school PEF Plan for session 19.20 is now available on our school website. This plan gives an overview of all of our interventions to support closing the equity gap for all learners in our school.

To summarise, funding is being used to:

- Employ 3 learning assistants to support our pupils across the school
- Employ an Outdoor Learning teacher for one day a week for two terms in school
- Employ a home school practitioner to support our families and learners
- Have access to therapeutic support and wellbeing services through being part of the Newbattle Learning Community
- Employ a Wellbeing Admin for 1.5 days per week
- Purchase resources and training for staff for a new writing programme for use across the school

Dogs in the Playground

A reminder that no dogs are allowed within the schools campus. All dogs should remain outside the school gates. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils and family members, and is Midlothian Policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Building Repair Update

We have been advised that work on the scaffolding and building outside the pupil block at the main entrance to the school building will start in the next week. We will keep you updated when we have any further information. Any queries or concerns with regards to this should be made to Midlothian Council directly.

October Holidays

A reminder that **pupils finish on Friday 11th October 2019** for our October break.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 23rd October 2019.

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Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mr McIntyre to our staff team. Mr McIntyre will be teaching our P3 class this session. We hope you join with us in making him feel welcome and part of our school. We would also like to express our thanks to Miss Blake for supporting us this term and wish her well in her new post.

Meet the Teacher Session

Thank you to all of our families for attending our recent Meet the Teacher session. The event was well attended by our families and we hope that you were able to hear about the learning taking place in your child's classroom across this session.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Our first Parent/Carer Consultations of this session will take place on Wednesday 9th October and Thursday 10th October in school.

All families should have received a letter with a slip to be returned to the school office with your preferred evening.

All consultations will take place in classrooms this session and both parents/carers and pupils are invited to attend this session.

Please note that all slips are to be returned to the school office by Friday 4th October. The school office will return slips with given times attached.

Parent Council Halloween Parties

Our Parent Council are currently organising Halloween Parties for our pupils. The dates and times of these are:

Monday 28th October	P1-P3 Pupils	3.30 - 5.00
Tuesday 29th October	P4-P7 Pupils	3.30 - 5.00

Tickets cost £1. Please contact our Parent Council or our School Office for tickets. Extra helpers are always much appreciated. If you can help, please let us know!

Home School Practitioner Update

School Uniform

We experience large volumes of lost property across the whole school. Where possible we try to get it back to its owner but this can only be achieved if initial or names are marked inside the clothing. Please help by putting your child's name or initials inside their school uniform.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club continues to offer free breakfast to all pupils and is well attended. This runs Mon-Thurs from 8:25 am, we always welcome new children. We would like to thank Scotmid for their past and continued support with this project without which we wouldn't be able to sustain it.

Free School Meals

With the new school year in full swing it's important to ensure your application for free school meals, milk and the £100 clothing grant is submitted if you haven't already done so and you think you may be entitled. If you're unsure please contact the school office or me, Anne-Marie, Home School Practitioner (07825 055988) for a form.

School Improvement Planning

Our School Improvement Plan for this session is available to view on our school website. The school participated in a local authority review in March 2019 and our priorities link closely to the action plan from this review, which has clear priorities for the school to action before our next school review taking place this academic session.

Our school will be fully focused in raising attainment in both literacy and numeracy this session. To support this we are developing new approaches to the teaching of numeracy across the school and are introducing a skills based approach to reading from P4-P7. We are also introducing a new whole school programme to support with the teaching of writing and writing skills across the school.

These new approaches may mean changes to homework for your child. Please support with this and be assured that all changes are based on proven research and interventions that raise attainment.