

Seafield Primary School Newsletter Term 2

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What a quick term this has been! We've had lots going on across the school and ELC. Thank you to everyone who has supported our children in recent events. We've welcomed families to P6/7 assembly, P1, P2 and P3 nativity and to our very well attended "Sharing our Learning" sessions. We were joined by lots of you to share in our Book gifting event for P1 – P3 as part of Book Week Scotland which helps to promote a love of reading. We hope to be able to apply for our Silver Reading Schools Award this year so your support of this event was much appreciated and will form part of our evidence for submission. We were proud to be part of the village Remembrance Service on our P5, P6 and P7 represented us very well. Our youngest children helped us all feel festive with their sing-a-long which again was a very busy event.

*The children (and staff team) are now more than ready for the Christmas break and the chance to switch off and relax with loved ones. I hope that everyone in our Seafield school family has a lovely time over the festive period and is able to spend time doing the things that you enjoy with the people you love. We look forward to welcoming our amazing children back on 6th January.
Best wishes, Lynne Egan.*

Contact with school

If you need to speak with a member of staff, your first point of contact will nearly always be your child's class teacher or ELC keyworker, as they are the people who are regularly with the children and are most likely to be able to answer your query. If you wish to speak to a member of our School Leadership Team, please contact us via the school office.

Our school office hour is staffed during the hours below however you are able to leave a telephone message at other times and someone will get back to you.

Monday – Thursday	08.30am – 2.15pm
Friday	08.30am – 12.30pm

We would ask that nursery parents/carers contact the school office to report any absences and **do not** contact the nursery mobile phone number to do this. The nursery mobile phone should only be used when the school is closed (e.g. after 4pm Monday to Thursday and during school holidays.) Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Positive Relationships at Seafield PS

We continue to encourage children to follow our school values in their daily interactions with their classmates and adults in the school community. We know that at times, children may make choices that don't show them at their best and adults in the school will support where necessary. At times, there may need to be a restorative conversation and action for children and this will be proportionate.

Parents/carers can help by working in partnership with the school to reinforce the importance of showing our values and encouraging children to seek adult support in school should they need to. We would always ask that if you have any concerns about anything that happens during the school day, that you speak directly to either your child's class teacher or a member of the school leadership team. Please do not approach other children in the playground and instead speak with a member of school staff.

School Uniform

It has been great to see the children continue to wear uniform. We encourage you to keep up with this throughout the year. A reminder of our uniform code:

School uniform consists of:

- Navy or red jumper (with or without school badge)
- Red or white polo shirt or white school shirt and tie
- Black or grey skirt/trousers

On PE days, children can come to school wearing active uniform. This is not a dress down day, children should wear:

- navy or red jumper (without or without school badge);
- a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and plain black, navy or grey joggers or leggings.
- Children should not wear branded tracksuits or hoodies on P.E. days and we thank you for your support in ensuring that your child sticks to our active uniform code.

Footwear – children should wear full shoes, boots or trainers to school. If your child wears wellingtons over the winter or because it is an outdoor learning day for them, please send a pair of shoes for them to wear inside. These can be school shoes, trainers or traditional gym rubbers. For safety reasons, children **should not** wear crocs or slippers.

P.E. Days

Our PE days will remain the same after Christmas:

P1	PE on Tuesday and Thursday	P2/3	PE on Tuesday and Wednesday
P3/4	PE on Wednesday and Thursday	P5/6	PE on Tuesday and Thursday
P6/7	PE on Tuesday and Friday		

Outdoor Learning

It has been great to see all classes continue to take their learning outdoors this term. We will take weather conditions into account however unless there is a safety risk, classes will be outdoors at points in the week. To support this, please find below information about clothing which is beneficial for children on these days.

- Clothing which is ok to get dirty and muddy
- Boots or wellies which can get dirty and muddy (we do have a stock of wellies in school for any children who don't have these)
- Appropriate coats/jackets for the weather conditions, again these are likely to get muddy
- When we get to the colder weather, children may need hats, scarfs and gloves
- A change of clothes (including socks) in case anyone gets especially wet!

Regular weekly outdoor learning days

P1/2 Mondays
P2/3 Thursdays
P3/4 Tuesdays
P5/6 Thursdays
P6/7 Thursdays

Our ELC children will continue with their Wednesday Wanders in the New Year as well as continuing to spend lots of time outdoors in the nursery garden.

Heritage Hero Awards

As part of their outdoor learning work, P6/7 have been working towards gaining “Heritage Hero” awards. I am delighted to say that they have been successful in this and certificates will be given to our young people in that class during our Achievement Assembly this week! Well done everyone!

Reporting your child’s absence

We would ask all parents/carers to contact our school office on **(01506) 652916** or to text our Groupcall number **(07860 049745)** to report if your child is going to be absent from school or nursery. West Lothian Council policy advises that parents should contact the school to inform of an absence by **9am for school and AM or Full Day nursery pupils and by 1pm for PM children**. If no contact has been made, a groupcall message will be sent asking parents to get in touch with the school. If we are unable to contact you, Head Teachers are required to make the decision about whether to contact the council’s Safe Arrivals team to seek support in contacting families to ensure that children are safe. The Safe Arrivals team have the authority to make home visits and, in some cases, involve the police.

These measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children and it is of great importance that parents contact the school if your child is not attending. Please either state that your child will be off for a specified number of days, or contact the school on **each day** of absence. We appreciate your co-operation.

West Lothian Council have an “Attendance and Engagement at School” policy which all schools follow. If your child’s attendance falls below 90% you will be contacted to advise you of this. If there is no improvement or where your child’s attendance drops further, you will be invited to a meeting to discuss any supports that could help improve attendance. In most cases, schools see improvements following these steps however if attendance continues to be a concern, West Lothian Council’s Inclusion and Support service will become involved. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact school to discuss.

Items being brought to school

We have seen an increasing number of children who are bringing their own pens to use during the school day. Unfortunately, some of these pens are not washable and are marking tables permanently or in a way that involves a lot of elbow grease to remove the marks. If children are bringing their own pens etc, please ensure that they are washable and keep the more permanent markers for use out of school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Family Learning

Mrs Flynn is going to be running family learning sessions again after the Christmas break. P1 parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 22nd January at 2.30pm for a session on how you can support your child with numeracy. There will also be a session for P2 and P3 parents on Wednesday 19th February at 2.30pm looking at how you can help support your child’s literacy learning at home. We plan to hold further sessions before the Easter break and will send out information in due course.

