

Newsletter

Addiewell Primary School

August 2017

WELCOME BACK!

It was lovely to see all children arriving back in school with a smile after the holidays. They settled into their new classes well and have been getting to know their new teachers. We have many exciting things planned for the year ahead and our staff are motivated and looking forward to working in partnership with you to help your child make continued progress.



VISION

At Addiewell Primary School we encourage the children to:
'Aim High, Reach Out and Go Far'

We VALUE:

RESPECT AMBITION RESPONSIBILITY TOLERANCE RESILIENCE KINDNESS

We AIM to:

- Help all learners reach their full potential through a relentless focus on attainment, achievement and excellence.
- Provide a nurturing environment which reduces inequity and ensures that every learner is valued, supported and challenged.
- Foster an ethos of effective partnership working with school, home, partner agencies and the wider community to empower our children.
- Ensure that all learners are able to experience a calm, positive learning environment that promotes respectful behaviour, self-regulation and respect for others.

BULLYING

"Whether you're a parent, carer, teacher, football coach or Youth Leader, finding out that a child or young person is being bullied, or is involved in bullying, can be daunting. But how we react and how we respond to bullying behaviour is key to reaching a successful outcome for everyone involved."

(Respect Me Scotland's Anti-Bullying Service)



Bullying is never acceptable and we have a strict zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying behaviour. Partnership working with parents is essential to ensure that all bullying incidents are dealt with quickly and effectively.

Miss Leggat will be leading a 'Respect Me' anti-bullying session on **Wednesday 13th September at 2pm and Monday 25th September at 2:00pm** in Addiewell Primary School. The sessions will help parents and carers support their child if they are experiencing any aspect of bullying behaviour. We aim to work with parents to develop strategies that can be used at home and in school to ensure they feel safe, happy and able to move on.

If you are interested, please reply to the poll in Class Dojo or contact the School Office with your preferred date.



Last session over 90% of our parents signed up to Class Dojo and it proved to be a very successful way of improving communication between home and school. All our class teachers will continue to use Class Dojo to share information about learning, home learning, achievements, class news, reminders and behaviour. If you haven't signed up yet, please speak to your child's teacher who will be able to provide you with an access code.

STAFFING

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of staff who have joined the Addiewell PS family. They are being well supported by our existing team who are making sure they settle in quickly.

- * Mrs Karen Kirkwood (Nursery Teacher)
- * Miss Abbie Macmillan (Modern Apprentice, Nursery Team)
- * Mrs Fiona Devlin (Early Years Officer, Nursery)
- * Mrs Lesley Paterson (Pupil Support Worker, P1)
- * Miss Fern Gaughan (Class Teacher, P234G)
- * Mr Liam Airley (Class Teacher, P234A)
- * Mrs Vicky Russell (Pupil Support Worker, P234A)
- * Ms Ann Kelly (Pupil Support Worker, P567S)

UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who has started back in full school uniform after the school holidays.

Please continue to support us by encouraging your child to wear school uniform each day.

Uniforms can be ordered anytime from Border Embroideries and delivered to school for free.

<http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/select-school.php>



Support is available if required. Please contact Mrs Gingell who can make a referral to the School Clothing Bank on your behalf.

ANNUAL DATA CHECKS

At the beginning of a school year, your child will bring home an annual data check form. We ask that you check the information carefully and make any changes if required before you return it to school.

If your mobile phone number or emergency contacts have changed, it is especially important that you inform us of this as soon as possible. We sometimes have difficulty contacting parents/carers when children are ill.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We value the help of our parents and we are always looking for parent volunteers who are able to give some of their time to help out around the school. If you are able and willing to help, please contact the school office with your availability.

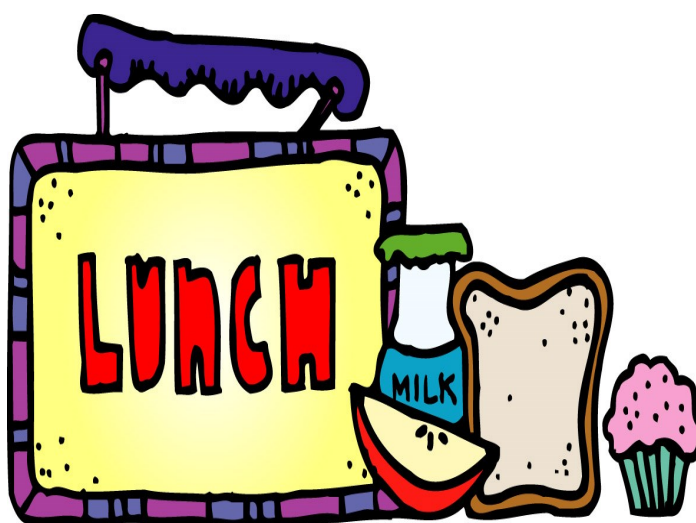
All volunteers are required to join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme. Forms are available at the school office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches cost £1.97

All children in P1-3 are entitled to FREE school meals.

All school lunches can now be ordered and paid for using iPayImpact. Those in receipt of free school meals can also order meals in advance using this system.



ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

NO MORE SEARCHING FOR THE EXACT AMOUNT FOR LUNCH MONEY!

iPayimpact is live at school now!

We have introduced a more convenient way to order and pay for school meals, trips, activities and other significant school purchases, using a secure internet service called iPayimpact.

You can order your child's meal for the day/week or for up to 6 weeks online and pay your meal and milk accounts and other activities directly instead of sending cash to school in your children's pockets.

You can put lump sums on your child's meal account and as meals are taken it will be reduced by the cost of a meal each time so you don't have to log on each day to make payment.

Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card

iPayimpact offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

If you have children at different schools within West Lothian, you will be able to connect all the children to your unique account and be able to make payments for all purchases in one single transaction.

Please support us in working toward our goal to become a cashless school.

Introducing this system will provide you with the convenience of being able to order meals and pay at home whilst removing potential risks to children from carrying cash.

The main contact parent/caregiver has been sent a unique iPayimpact Account activation details via a letter given to their child. If you require a copy please contact the school office.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

We provide a daily morning snack as part of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum. We are learning about food and nutrition and making healthy choices and the children have great opportunities for developing skills in food preparation.

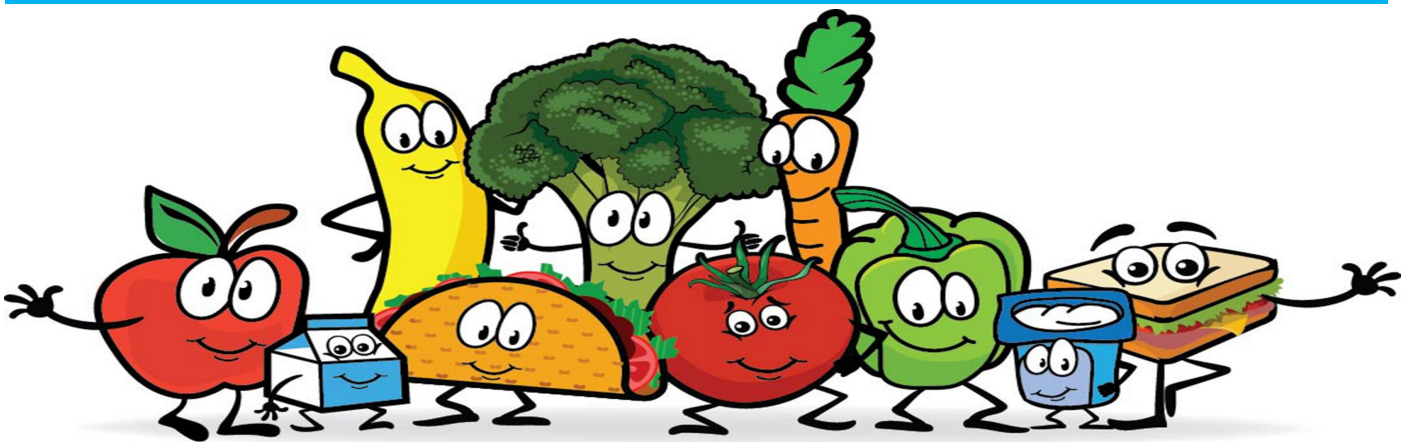
All classes are now participating with increasing numbers of children taking part.

Morning snack costs £1 per week (20p per day) which is great value.

The children are involved in planning the menu and preparing snack for the class on a rota basis. They have been enjoying snack options like fruit kebabs, pitta pizzas and beans on toast.

The children eat snack together and enjoy the social aspect. This is a great opportunity for developing listening and talking skills.

An additional benefit is that the children have 15 minutes of playtime to run about and exercise, rather than using this time to eat. You can support the school and your child's health education by encouraging them to make healthy choices and participate in school snack time.



BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays at Addiewell PS and traditionally some parents have provided cake for classes to share. With over 100 pupils, that is a LOT of cake! We would kindly ask that parents don't send in cake and instead we will find creative ways of celebrating birthdays and giving the children a special day without sweet treats.





PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Monday 2nd October 4-6pm

Tuesday 3rd October 5-7pm

Monday 19th March 4-6pm

Tuesday 20th March 5-7pm

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

6:30pm in the Staffroom

All parents are welcome

Monday 25th September

Tuesday 24th October (AGM)

Monday 27th November

Monday 29th January

Monday 26th February

Monday 12th March

Monday 23rd April

Monday 14th May

Monday 11th June

DRESS DOWN DAYS

50p each or £1 per family

Friday 29th September

Friday 27th October

Friday 24th November

Friday 15th December

Friday 26th January

Friday 23rd February

Friday 23rd March

Friday 27th April

Friday 25th May

Friday 29th June

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 29th September

11am



ASSEMBLIES

All assemblies start at 9am* and parents are welcome to join us

Friday 13th October - Harvest led by P234

Friday 22nd December - Christmas led by P567

Friday 23rd March 2018 - Easter led by P1

*Thursday 28th June at 2pm - P7 Leavers Assembly

Classes may arrange another assembly at a later date. Information to follow.

COMMUNICATION

GOT A QUESTION, CONCERN or FEEDBACK?

There are several ways you can get in touch with us:

Telephone: 01501 762794

Text: 07860 049 681

Email: wladdiewell-ps@westlothian.org.uk

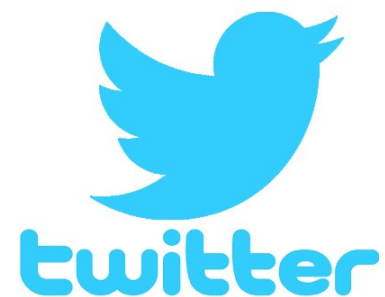
Make an appointment to come in see us

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION?

Check CLASS DOJO

NEW WEBSITE COMIING SOON!.....

Follow us on Twitter: @AddiewellPS



COMPLAINTS

We try our very best to resolve all concerns quickly and effectively but if you are unhappy with our service and would like to make a complaint to Customer Care in West Lothian, it should be addressed to:

Customer Care

Education Services

West Lothian Council

Civic Centre

Howden Road South

Livingston

