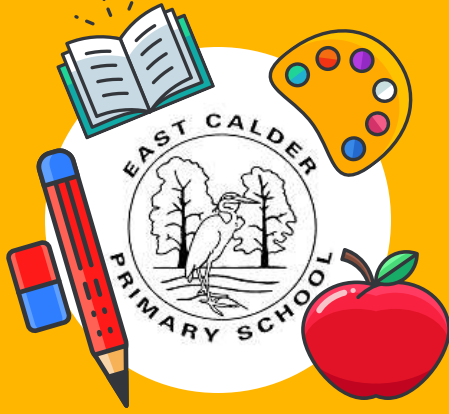


# East Calder Primary Newsletter



## HT Message

We are progressing well through term 3 in spite of a very interesting start where the majority of our learners were working from home. As a school we learned a lot from the period of home learning last session and have continued to develop and build on this from August - December and, based on your feedback, you agree that the difference has been positive.

The introduction of SEESAW has, for me, been the highlight of this and I would be keen to continue using this as a tool in the future. This is currently funded by WLC however we will be looking to fund this next session.

We have been pleased that so many of our children have been engaging in virtual assemblies and story times - we've really tried to keep this period as calm and 'normal' as possible.

We appreciate that not all parents have been able to commit to the work that has been sent home - a number of the school staff are working parents too - it's definitely been a juggling act, however the First Minister's announcement on Tuesday certainly made it sound like we will all be back together again soon. We are excited to have our learners back together and see what else we can achieve this school session.

Mrs Stewart  
Headteacher

## Key Messages

1

Changes to morning routine - we are now open from 8.30am for a soft start - an email with more information has been sent to all parents.

2

P7 leavers hoodies have all been ordered. We have made the decision to cover the cost for these this year as our P7s are missing out on other P7 activities e.g. school camp, we didn't want anyone missing out on their hoody.

3

We are already beginning to plan for session 2021-2022 and would welcome your ideas and suggestions for what you think we need to improve upon as a school. If you have any suggestions, please contact us on [wleatcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wleatcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk)

## Dates for your diary.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Following feedback from a number of parents around our phone calls home in October, we will be sending out information for you to sign up for another 10 minutes phone call with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. Lookout for an emailing detailing how to sign up.

Wednesday 24th March - 6pm - 8pm  
Thursday 25th March - 4pm - 6pm  
Friday 26th March - 1.30 - 3.30pm

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## Breakfast Club

At this time, Breakfast Club is only open to children who have a key worker/allocated place only. This service is not yet available to all P1-P3 children. The Breakfast Club opens at 8.10am. Children should enter the breakfast club via the dining hall door. Staff will be there to welcome and register children into the hall.

## Snack

Your child may bring a healthy snack to school for break time. Snacks will be eaten within the classroom prior to children going out to play. Staff will ensure all hygiene/cleaning protocols are in place, e.g. hand washing, wiping of tables. Please remember that due to having a number of children in our school who have a severe nut allergy, we request that you do not send food containing nuts into school. Your support with this is appreciated.

## Milk

Milk is currently unavailable and on hold. The money that has been paid is still sitting in pupils account and we will let you know when milk will be available again in school. Thank you for your patience with this.

## Personal Belongings

Please ensure that your child only brings essential items to school. It would be helpful, where possible, if they could bring a pencil case with stationery for individual use. They may also bring a water bottle, which if consumed within the day can be refilled. Children should not share their personal items with others.

## Outdoor PE

PE will continue to be outdoors for the duration of the current restrictions. We will endeavour to be out in most weathers. Please ensure your child wraps up warm and has appropriate footwear. You may send your child into school with a change of shoes and fresh socks if you wish. A waterproof jacket would be greatly appreciated. On PE days, children are permitted to wear PE kit to school for the duration of the day. Teachers will let the children know in the first week back, which days will be their PE days.

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## SEESAW P1-3

Seesaw will continue to be used at times within the classroom as a learning tool for P1-P3 children. This will also be used to communicate information such as home learning to parents/carers, so please check this platform regularly.

## TEAMS P4-7

Remote Learning will continue for P4-P7 children using the Teams platform. Please encourage your child to check this platform regularly. This is a safe classroom environment for pupils and staff.

## Medicines in School

If your child requires any new (or changes to) medications administered in school, please telephone or email the school office in advance of your child attending school. A member of staff will discuss your child's health care needs with you and arrange for the relevant paperwork to be completed.

## Contact Us

Our office is open at the following times:

Mon-Thur: 8.30am – 3.30pm

Fri: 8.30am – 12.45pm

Telephone No: 01506 880810

Email: [wleastcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk](mailto:wleastcalder-ps@westlothian.org.uk)

During the current COVID-19 restrictions, we would like to remind all parents/carers and visitors that no one should enter the school building without a pre-arranged appointment.



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