



St. Ninian's Primary School

'Ninian News' - w/c 16th & 23rd Nov



MESSAGE FROM HEAD-TEACHER....

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who have already contacted me to wish me well in my new post as Head teacher of St Joseph's Linlithgow which I will take up after the Christmas holidays. It will be very difficult for me to leave this very special school community and I am looking forward to a fantastic final term with the pupils and staff here. I know that you will all continue to be well supported by Mrs Purdie when she returns, our outstanding acting depute Mrs Roy and our superb staff team, Mrs Smith

Flu Immunisations

These will take place next Wednesday 18th November in school. This will hopefully protect our school community from the winter flu virus.

Christmas Dinner

This information has gone out this week to parents and carers. Please return you child's food selections as soon as possible please.

Payment should be made using the online IPAY system if you are having difficulty paying online then please contact the school office. All payments and ordering needs to be complete by Monday 23rd November unfortunately pupils cannot be added after this date. Thank you.

Book Bug Packs

P2 and P3 pupils will receive their Book Bug packs to share with parents on Monday 16th November. Our P1 pupils will receive their books on Friday 20th November along with a SWAY presentation introducing the books to parents and carers. What a lovely way to spend the winter nights reading these beautiful books.

School and Nursery Improvement Plans

We are delighted to publish and share with you our full school and Nursery Recovery and Improvement plan on our school website. <https://stniniansprimary.westlothian.org.uk> These plans have been created taking into account the views of all stakeholders and the current progress of our learners. We have also attached a summarised parent friendly version for you.

Covid update

Thank you to all our parent and carers who are now wearing masks during pick up and drop off. This is much appreciated and a great way to try and keep our school community safe however it is important that we still maintain 2 metres of distance between each other during these busy times.

Once again can I stress the importance of following the current guidance on the virus and that if anyone in your family exhibits any of the symptoms – high temperature, cough shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell that you seek medical advice and do not attend school. Thank you all for supporting our actions in keeping our school community safe.

HEADLICE

We again have had a few cases reported within our school community. Could I urge all parents/carers to check their child's hair regularly and take action to treat them before they return to school. Thank you.

New Technology

Virtual Head sets and a Green Screen have also been purchased to help extend our pupil creativity with digital technologies

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Our P4 and P6/7 classroom will be getting new promethean panels fitted this term and we have been advised that our next batch of 20 new net books should arrive with us early December bringing our total of new netbooks to 34

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Our pupil leaders will be leading an Assembly next week to raise awareness of bullying, it's impact and what a pupil should do if they feel that they are being bullied. This will be followed up with activities in classes.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT

This week also marks the start of Catholic Education Fortnight. We will be launching this with pupils on Monday 23rd November with an Assembly which will focus on Laudato Si School Scotland – Change for Good where Pope Francis is appealing to us to work together to love God, look after each other and protect the world.