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## **Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC**

**"Together we grow, learn and achieve"**

**Head Teacher:** Barry Graham

20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to 2020. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays and are ready for the new term ahead. Can I remind you that our generic information is no longer included in our termly letters home and can now be found in our annual Primary Information Booklet which you will find in the Primary School Bag on the main page of our school website: [www.wallacehall.co.uk](http://www.wallacehall.co.uk). We also sent you a copy in August.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Penny Graham, P7 teacher, is now on maternity leave. We welcome Ms Emma McDonald who has joined us to cover Mrs Graham's post. Ms McDonald will work Monday to Thursday and Mrs Johnston will continue to cover P7 on a Friday.

### **Traffic on East Morton Street, Thornhill**

As you may be aware, at the start and the end of the school day, East Morton Street can be exceptionally busy. Can I ask all pedestrians and drivers to take extra care when they are in this area as we do worry about everyone's safety. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

### **Employability**

Starting on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, we will be having an employability fortnight in the primary. This will involve some activities at assembly time and also during normal classes. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January we will be inviting in four speakers to talk about their jobs and answer questions from the pupils. This will take place at the normal weekly assembly and in the P4, P5, P6 and P7 classrooms.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, pupils will be asked to come to school wearing the working clothes/uniform for a career of their choice. They also may choose to bring in equipment that might be used in that particular job. Can we please ask parents to make sure that all equipment brought into school is safe.

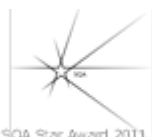
Class teachers may also ask for volunteers to visit individual classes and talk about their careers and the skills required. If you are interested in taking part, please contact your child's teacher directly.

### **The 2-18 Parent Council**

The next meeting of the 2-18 Parent Council is planned for **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. The meeting will start at 7pm and will be in the Academy Library. Everyone is welcome to attend our Parent Council meetings.

### **Termly Overviews**

The next termly overviews will be issued on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember that we welcome any feedback on these so that we can develop our communication with you in line with Curriculum for Excellence.



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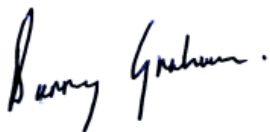


**Learning Conversations**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey sent out; the feedback received was very helpful. We will use this along with feedback from pupils and staff to refine the process of Learning Conversations to improve them for everyone. We will send information explaining any changes shortly.

The next set of Learning Conversations will be held on the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> March. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barry Graham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

B Graham  
Head Teacher

## Appendix A

### Dates for your Diary

Term 3	06/01/20	Staff only	Inset day
	07/01/20	Staff only	Inset day
	08/01/20	ELC-P7	First day of term
	13/01/20	ELC-P7	Parent Council meeting (Library-7pm)
	17/01/20	P3	Trip to Dumfries, Burns on the Beat
	20/01/20	ELC-P7	Termly overviews out
	24/01/20	P1-P7	Add a 'Touch of Tartan' to your uniform (optional)
	14/02/20	ELC-P7	Employability – wear working clothes/uniform for a career
	17/02/20	ELC-P7	Mid-term holiday
	18/02/20	ELC-P7	Mid-term holiday
	19/02/20	ELC-P7	Mid-term holiday
	20/02/20	Staff only	Inset day
	21/02/20	Staff only	Inset day
	04/03/20	P5	Lockerbie Manor Trip leaves
	05/03/20	ELC-P7	World Book Day – details to follow
	06/03/20	P5	Lockerbie Manor Trip returns
	09/03/20	ELC-P7	British Science Week – details to follow
	10/03/20	ELC-P7	Parent Council Meeting (Library-7pm)
	16/03/20	P1-P7	Learning Conversations start
	26/03/20	P7	Edinburgh Trip leaves
	27/03/20	P7	Edinburgh Trip returns
	30/03/20	P1-P7	Learning Conversations record to parents
	03/04/20	ELC-P7	Last day of term

#### Additional dates for this term:

P4 pupils will be swimming on the following dates: 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.

Money Monsters will take place on the following dates: 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## Appendix A (cont.) Dates for your Diary

	Date		Event
Term 4	20/04/20	ELC-P7	First day of term
	07/05/20	P7	P7 Transitions
	08/05/20	ELC-P7	May Day Holiday
	11/05/20	ELC-P7	Parent Council meeting (Library-7pm)
	11/05/20	P1-P7	Termly overviews out
	14/05/20	P7	P7 Transitions
	21/05/20	P7	P7 Transitions
	29/05/20	Staff only	Inset Day
	03/06/20	P6	P6 Transitions
	09/06/20	ELC-P7	Parent Council meeting (Library-7pm)
	10/06/20	P6	P6 Transitions
	17/06/20	P6	P6 Transitions
	23/06/20	P7	P7 Induction TBC
	24/06/20	P7	P7 Induction TBC
	25/06/20	P7	P7 Induction TBC
	26/06/20	P7	P7 Induction TBC
	02/07/20	ELC-P7	Last day of term

***Dates may be subject to change, notification of any such amendments will be issued in due course***