
Loanhead Primary School



March 2018 Newsletter

Seems so odd to write about snow in the March newsletter but the recent weather has been challenging for all. Thank you for your patience during the bad weather, I think we are all now officially fed up with snow!

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Head Teacher Award for February. P1 Romy for Care, P2 Madison for Development, P3 Anaya for Care, P4 Caitlyn for Honesty, P5 Flynn for Inclusion, P6 Gail for Development and P7 Lara for Learning. Well done everyone!

Camp

P5 are off to Broomlee camp next week. We hope you have lots of fun and enjoy learning all the new skills on offer. Please bring your child to school on Wednesday 14th March at 9.30am and we will gather in the expressive arts room. Pupils are due to return on Friday 16th March at 12pm.

Sport

P1 have been enjoying an additional block of gymnastics with 2 coaches every Tuesday. This will continue for another couple of weeks.

Unfortunately the boy's football festival due to take place this Thursday has been cancelled due to snow. This will be planned for a later date. The P6 & P7 basketball festival is being held on Wednesday 14th March in the morning.

The P6 & P7 girl's football festival is due to take place On Thursday 15th March. Tuesday 20th March is the Midlothian hockey festival for P6 & P7 and Club Golf for P5. Monday 26th March is discover biking event for P6. If your child is involved in any of the above events, he or she will receive a letter with all the relevant details.

Parent Pay

Thank you for bearing with us as we put parent pay into operation. Hopefully it will be easier and safer for most families. If you do experience any problems please speak directly to parent pay on 02476 994 820

Headlice

There have been a few reported cases of headlice throughout the school. Please check your child's head regularly and treat if required.

World Book Day

Mr Buchan had planned some activities for world book day, but unfortunately school was closed. We are planning on celebrating world book day this Thursday 8th March.

Absence

Please call if your child is absent. Office staff spend a lot of time trying to reach parents who have not called in. If we cannot reach a contact for an unexplained absence we have to report this to the police.

Nursery News

There will be a curriculum evening for nursery (parents only) on Wednesday 21st March 6pm – 7pm in the community room. On the night the staff will cover aspects of play and how to support your child's development at home. Parents of pupils joining P1 in August will have an opportunity

to hear about the transition programme that we will be running in May. There will also be an opportunity for parents to have a tour of the school.

Easter Disco

The Easter Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd March from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Entrance cost is £2.00 and this includes juice and crisps. This should be paid at the door. The community rooms will be available to parents who wish to wait for the hour, this is to try and cut down on numbers and adhere to health and safety. Tea and coffee will be available in the community room for parents. Please note that all buggies must be left in the community rooms. At the disco we will have our annual egg decorating competition, some Easter craft, name the chick and bunny and how many sweets in the jar as well as the usual dancing and games. This event is open only to pupils of Loanhead Nursery and Primary School.

The parent council bingo evening was cancelled due to snow, This will now take place on Thursday 19th April.

Holiday – Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April

On the final day of term, Thursday 29th March at 1.15pm, we will be walking to Loanhead Church for our Easter Service. We finish at normal time (3,15pm) for our Easter break. Afternoon nursery will finish at 3.35pm. All pupils return to school on Tuesday 17th April at 8.50am (8.30am for morning nursery)

Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)

Wednesday 7th March - Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Wednesday 14th March – Basketball festival P6/7

Wednesday 14th March – Friday 16th March – P5 Broomlee camp

Wednesday 14th March - Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Thursday 15th March – Girls football festival P6/7

Tuesday 20th March – Hockey festival P6/7

Tuesday 20th March – Clubgolf P5

Wednesday 21st March – Drumming Performance?

Wednesday 21st March – Nursery Curriculum Evening

Thursday 22nd March – Parent Council Easter Disco

Monday 26th March – Discover Biking P6

Thursday 29th March – 1.45pm Loanhead Parish Church – Easter Service

Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April PUPIL and STAFF HOLIDAY

Tuesday 17th April – ALL RETURN

Wednesday 18th April – P1 outdoor learning

Wednesday 18th April – Dr Bike P6 bike checks

Thursday 19th April – Parent Council BINGO night

Wednesday 25th April - Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 2nd May – Orienteering festival P5

Monday 7th May – staff and pupil holiday

Monday 21st May – pupil holiday

Friday 25th May – Parent Council Summer Fair

Wednesday 30th May – Parent Consultations

Thursday 31st May - Parent Consultations

Thursday 31st May – Athletics P6 /7

Wednesday 6th June – Ramsay Campus 10th Birthday celebrations

Wednesday 6th June - Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 6th June – Friday 8th June – P7 Beeslack High School pupil induction days

Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th June – P7 Lasswade High School pupil induction days

Thursday 14th June – P7 parents meeting Lasswade High School 6-7pm

Wednesday 13th June – Biking festival P6

Saturday 23rd June – Loanhead Gala Day

Tuesday 26th June – P7 evening event (organised by parents)

Wednesday 27th June – 1.15pm – P7 Leavers Assembly (P7 parents invited)

Thursday 28th June – P7 day out and Nursery Graduation

Friday 29th June 12pm – ALL FINISH

