

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter August 2016

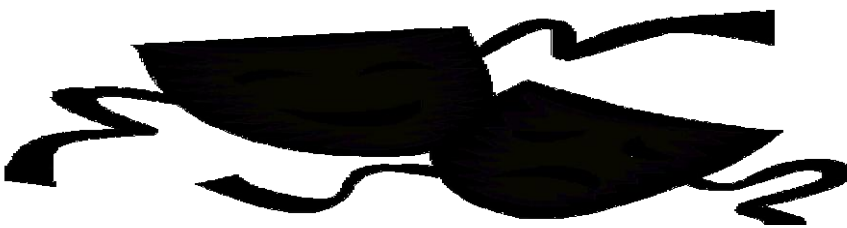


Welcome

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff and a very big welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils and parents. We have had a very positive start to the new school term with the children and staff all looking refreshed and ready to learn!

Oliver!

As a back to school treat we have booked for M&M productions to come along and put on their production of Oliver Twist. This will take place in school on Monday 29th August in the afternoon.



Team Building

On Monday 29th August and Thursday 1st September, P7 will be taking part in team building work with pupils from St Margaret's P7 and their own class. Groups of pupils will work with Sean Fallon from outdoor education to develop team skills. This will take place outdoors so please ensure that correct clothing is brought!

School Lunch

P1 parents are invited to join their child for a practise school lunch on Tuesday 30th August at 11.30am. The children are given a free lunch and the cost to parents is £1.80.



Meet The Teacher P2 – P7

This will take place on Wednesday 31st August from 3.30 – 4pm. Come along with your child and have a look at their classroom and a chat with their teacher.

P1 Curriculum Evening

This is for parents/carers only and will take place this Tuesday 6th September from 5pm – 6pm. There will be a presentation on the P1 curriculum and ideas on how to support this at home and a chance to see round the school and classroom and meet with the class teachers Mrs Cumming.

Staff News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Suzanne Burns who is covering for Mrs Loraine Wood who is on a year's secondment. We would also like to welcome Ms Clare Reid who is our new permanent member of staff in nursery. We hope both ladies feel welcomed into the Loanhead community!

Miss Prior our P3 teacher, unfortunately, has broken her wrist and will be absent for the first two weeks of term. Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Mack (supply teacher) will be working with P3. We wish Miss Prior a speedy recovery.



Uniform

It is so nice to see so many pupils in school uniform it really helps to build a strong school identity. Can we please ask that you remember to name all items to allow them to be returned to their rightful owner? We would also like to remind you that football tops and football team tracksuits are not permitted for PE or outings or as school uniform.

Indoor Shoes

We are finding that many pupils' feet are slipping out of black plimsolls during PE lessons. If this is happening for your child could you please consider purchasing cheap trainers as indoor / PE shoes? If you prefer your child to wear plimsolls for indoor and trainers for PE these could be kept in their kit bag. Please remember that black soled shoes are not suitable for our gym halls.

Water

Our pupils have access to their water bottles throughout the day and we encourage them to drink regularly to avoid dehydration. In line with government dental policy we only allow water to be drunk in this way. If your child brings juice they may access this at milk time, break time or lunch time, but will be discouraged from sipping on this throughout the day as it is detrimental to teeth.



Camp

Details of camps for P7 and P5 were sent out before the holidays. Reminders and more details will follow soon.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 20th September to take individual pupil photographs.



Nuts

Please remember that we are a **nut free** environment. We have infants who have severe nut allergies. Please remember that popular treats like Kinder bueno contain nuts. Please also avoid coconut products such as coconut water etc. Please do not send to school. Many Thanks

Health

If your child has any health issues such as an asthma etc. please ensure that the school office are aware and that we have medication in school for use when required.

Behaviour

Staff across the campus are about to start work on developing a new behaviour policy this will be used in all the shared areas with each school deciding how this will then look within their own classrooms. More information will be sent out once the policy has been created and agreed.



Communication

I would like to work with interested parents and staff to formulate a home school communication policy. I would also like this group to look at homework and the issues surrounding this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, which would meet once a month at the most, please leave your name and contact details with the school office and I will be in touch in due course.

Nursery

A warm welcome to all our new nursery children who have joined us this term and welcome back to all our old ones! We also welcome, Clare, our new team member, joining Michelle and Jane. Our outdoor cloakroom is now in place and this will allow children to access the nursery garden more freely throughout the year. Please remember that morning pick up is before 11.40am and afternoon pick up before 3.35pm. If you are running late please telephone the nursery on 271 4626 to let us know. Please note that this is a direct line to nursery.

Office

Within the next few days you should receive important annual documents which check emergency contact details, give permission for local trips etc. It is really important that these are returned to the school. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Can we also ask that any money sent into school is put in an envelope and clearly marked with pupil name, stage and reason for payment? Many Thanks

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th August – JRSO event at Woodburn Primary

Monday 29th August and Thursday 1st September – P7 (whole campus) team building

Monday 29th August – Oliver Twist P2 – P7

Tuesday 30th August – 11.30am P1 parents practise school lunch

Wednesday 31st August – 3.30pm – 4pm Meet The Teacher P2 – P7

Friday 2.9.16 - Friday 16.12.16 from 10am – 12pm - P4 swimming

Monday 5th September – P1 full day 8.50am – 2.45pm

Tuesday 6th September 5pm - 6pm P1 parent curriculum evening

Friday 16th September & Monday 19th September – Holiday weekend

Tuesday 20th September – individual photographs

Wednesday 28th September 9am – 1pm P7 Risk Factory (packed lunch required)

Thursday 24th September 1pm – 3.15pm P7 boys football festival

Wednesday 30th September – photographer in school (individual photos)