

# Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter August 2018



## 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!

## Our Vision

Loanhead aspires to be a learning community where the CHILD is at the centre

- **Care** - To promote **care** of all through a culture of wellbeing and respect.
- **Honesty** - To foster openness and **honesty** between all members of the learning community.
- **Inclusion** - To be **inclusive** and strive to meet the needs of all.
- **Learning** - To promote high quality **learning** and achievement.
- **Development**- To **develop** all individuals to enable them to reach their full potential.

## Staff News

A warm welcome to Miss Maley in P1, Miss Waller in P2, Miss Ramsay in P3 and Miss Dickson our MA student in P6. There have also been many changes in nursery with Michelle leaving and Jane taking on the role of senior CDW. We wish Michelle all the best in her new role! We would like to welcome Erin and Helen to nursery and hope that they enjoy their time with us. Amanda's maternity leave starts in mid September. We hope all our new staff have a happy year working as part of the Loanhead Team!

## School Lunch

P1 parents are invited to join their child for a practise school lunch on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 11.20am. The children are given a free lunch and the cost to parents is £2.00.

Please note that there will be a price increase in the cost of school lunch from 20.8.18. A pupil lunch will now cost £2.00. Milk is charged at 17p per day

## Meet The Teacher P2 – P7

This will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 of P1 pupils only and will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm – 6.30pm 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 and Miss Maley.

### **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.

### **Instrumental Instruction**

P6 pupils have the opportunity to take up brass lessons with Mr Walker our instrument teacher. As you know parents are now being asked to pay for these lessons, but there are exemptions and bursaries available. Please speak to me if your child is keen.

### **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.

### **Nuts**

Please remember that we are a **nut free** environment. We have pupils 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. Your support is appreciated. Many Thanks

### **Photographs**

The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to take individual pupil photographs.

### **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.

### **Online**

Please be aware about what and who your child is posting online. There have been cases recently with children posting nasty comments that said out loud may be a joke, that can be forgotten about, but when in print they are there forever. Adults should also be aware of this and be especially wary of discussing any Midlothian Council staff online.

### **Book Festival**

P4 and P5 will be attending the book festival on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Please remember your permission slips and your lunch!

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – P1 practice lunch

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August – P4 and P5 Book Festival

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August – 3.30-4pm meet the teacher

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30 -6.30pm P1 Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – P7 Risk Factory **7pm – 8.30pm Parent Council AGM ALL WELCOME**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Individual pupil photographs

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – HOLIDAY**

**(Teachers return Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Pupils return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – P7 CAMP