

LOANHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter February 2019



February already! Where does the time go? The weather seems to be very variable at present, please ensure you send children with coats and a change of shoes as we will be outside for breaks whenever possible. Please note in the event of school closures we will try to inform parents through Forth One (local radio), school website and, if possible, email

Parents Evening

These are being held next Wednesday and Thursday. If you do not have your appointment or are unable to attend please contact the school office.

Athletics

Well done to all our P6 and P7 pupils who took part in the recent athletics competition and they won their heat - fabulous news and fantastic effort!

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils

P1 Fatimah for Development, P2 Mia for Development, P3 Zahra for Development, P4 Evie for Development, P5 Elliot for Care, P6 Duncan for Learning and P7 Sophie for Development . Well done everybody!

Parent Questionnaires

The council have asked that all parents complete an online questionnaire. This can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PrimaryParents2019> We have also placed this link on the website. If you would prefer a paper copy, please just ask at the school office.

February Holiday

School finishes on Friday 8th February at normal finishing time. Please note that afternoon nursery will run as normal on the Friday. We all return on Monday 18th February. I hope you have a lovely week off as we begin to enjoy slightly longer daylight hours!

Staffing

Mrs Cooney will begin her maternity leave after the February break. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting Baby Cooney in April! Mrs Cumming will become our Primary 4 teacher and we welcome back Mrs Hunter who will be working with and supporting Primary 1 pupils. We also send a warm welcome to our students that have joined us this term - Ms Emma Wood P7, Mrs Helen Beasley P5 and Ms Sarah Brown P4 we hope you enjoy your time here with us in LPS.

Peer Mediation

As part of our restorative behaviour work, our P6 pupils have been trained in peer mediation. They will be in the playground at lunchtimes and will help pupils resolve minor conflicts and repair relationships. By working together the children will help each other to resolve minor conflicts and in doing so build on their own skills for maintaining positive relationships.

P7 Headstrong

P7 will be taking part in the Headstrong programme after the break. A letter will be sent home detailing the programme next week. There is an information session in school on Monday 18th February at 3pm for parents.

Camp

P5 camp - please note that all payments for the camp in May are due. Please contact the school office if you require assistance

Please note that the deposit for P7 camp (current P6 pupils) is due by Thursday 28th February.

Nursery News

There will be an information evening for nursery (parents only) on Tuesday 26th March in the community room. On the night the staff will cover aspects of play and how to support your child's development at home. We also hope to have a short presentation on the additional hours for nursery children. Parents of pupils joining P1 in August will have an opportunity to hear about the transition programme that we will be running in May.

Interesting - your child online.

P7 have been looking at analyzing data and chose to survey p4-7 about social media and online presence. They are making posters and graphs but we learned about percentages too and here are some results:

23% of pupils in p4-7 have uploaded a video to you tube

43% of pupils in P6 and P7 say they spend 5+ hours on social media a day

68% of pupils in P6 and P7 say they have witnessed cyber bullying online

71% of pupils in P4-7 have at least 1 form of social media account

65% of pupils in P6+7 say they have seen something online that gave them a horrible feeling in their tummy

49% of P4 and P5 pupils say they have accidentally watched something they shouldn't have online

Only 1/3 of P4-7 pupils would be happy if suddenly their parents could see all of the posts they have ever made online.

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

Friday 7th December – 15th March – P4 swimming (2nd block)

Wednesday 6th February – Parent Consultations (5.30 – 8.30)

Thursday 7th February – Parent Consultations (3.30 – 5.30)

Monday 11th February – Friday 15th February – HOLIDAY

Monday 18th February – P7 Headstrong Information session for parents @ 3pm

Tuesday 26th March – nursery information evening

Friday 5th April – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April –HOLIDAY all return Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 1st May – Friday 3rd May P5 camp

Monday 6th May – HOLIDAY

Monday 20th May – PUPIL HOLIDAY (staff inservice day)

Tuesday 21st May - Drumming session in school for Nursery, P3 and P7

Thursday 23rd May – Curricular evening

Monday 27th May – pm Sports Day

Thursday 6th June – Parent Drop in

Wednesday 26th June – P7 leavers assembly

Thursday 27th June – P7 day out

Friday 28th June – final day of term **all finish 12pm**

