

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter September 2018

Loanhead Primary the school with the **C**are, **H**onesty, **I**nclusion, **L**earning, **D**evelopment at the centre!

Staff News

Unfortunately Mrs Duncan, our PE specialist, has to go into hospital for a routine operation and will be off school for around 10/12 weeks. We wish her all the best and hope she has a speedy recovery! Whilst she is absent we have arranged some extra music sessions for some classes and rugby and swimming sessions for others. Class teachers will post any changes to PE days etc on their class website page. These new timetables will begin on Monday 10th September.

Meet the Teacher and P1 Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended these events. We hope that you found them useful!

Photographs

The photographers will be in school next Wednesday 12th September to take individual photographs. They will also take family groups with siblings in school or nursery.

House Captains

Staff and pupils were impressed by the quality of speeches and the amount of Primary 7 pupils who put themselves forward for a House Captain position. Well done P7 writing and performing your own speech in front of your house is an amazing achievement! Our elected House Captains are as follows;

Dryden – Emma and Lewis **Edgelaw** – Freya and Riley **Gladhouse** – Rachel and Luke

School Lunch

Please look for letters allowing you to 'opt out' of Friday free packed lunches. If your child never eats their Friday packed lunch then this is the option for you. Letters will be out by the beginning of next week.

Library

We currently have 2 library helpers on a Friday morning, but they have indicated that this year is the final year they are able to help. Would you like to get involved? Even if you could only do every fortnight – any 'regular' help would be much appreciated. This is a really valuable service for our pupils as it allows them the opportunity to borrow interesting books and helps to foster a love of reading. Please let us know if you can help! Thank You

Playground

Please note pupils **should not** bring footballs from home to school. Football is permitted in the playground at lunchtime and soft balls are provided by the school. Please discourage your child from riding on bikes or scooters in the playground as there are too many little ones around and too many corners! Thank you for your support with both of these issues

P7 Camp Parents Meeting

There will be a parent meeting for Primary Cluster 7 camp at Burnbrae Primary School on Monday 1st October at 7pm. This meeting is for parents only as the school hall is not big enough to accommodate parents and pupils. Mrs Cooney, Miss Maley and Mrs Craig will be accompanying the Primary 7 pupils to camp this year.

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

Tuesday 4th September – 27th November P4 and P5 swimming

Tuesday 11th September – P5 cross country (8 pupils)

Wednesday 12th September – Individual pupil photographs and family/sibling photos

Thursday 4th October – P6/7 boys football festival

Wednesday 10th October - 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 11th October – 6/7 girls football festival

Thursday 11th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October – HOLIDAY

(Teachers return Monday 22nd Pupils return Tuesday 23rd)

Thursday 25th October – Drumming session in school for Nursery, P3 and P7

Tuesday 30th October – Friday 2nd November – P7 CAMP

Monday 5th November – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 8th November – P4 and P5 music course from Dunedin Consort (5 weeks)

P7 Visit to Poppy Factory

Friday 9th November – NSPCA online safety for parents/carers 9.30-10.30 community rms

Friday 30th November – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 5th December – Pantomimes

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

Thursday 13th December – Dunedin Consort P4 and P5 concert in school

Wednesday 19th December P3 –P7 Christmas Concert

4pm – 5pm P4 and P5 Queen's Hall – Dunedin Concert (optional)

Friday 21st December – Loanhead Parish Church **ALL FINISH 12PM**

Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January – HOLIDAY

(Teachers return Monday 7th Pupils return Tuesday 8th)

Wednesday 6th February - 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 7th February – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

Monday 11th February – Friday 15th February – HOLIDAY

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th April P5 camp

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

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

Monday 5th May – HOLIDAY

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

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

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**