

# Loanhead Primary School

## Newsletter October 2018

**Welcome to the October newsletter. There is definitely more of an autumnal feel with darker nights and cooler days. Please ensure your child brings indoor shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing to school as we try to be outdoors most days. The fresh air and exercise helps us to focus better in the classroom!**

### Committees

All our committees have been selected – well done to all who applied; it was not an easy job to select as we had some super application forms and interviews! The successful pupils were –

Pupil Council –Elska P1, Sylvia P2, Caitlyn P3, Sophie P4, Jeden P5, Abbi P6, Emily & Abdul P7

ECO –Connor P1, Archie P2, Scarlett P3, Emily P4, Gemma P5, Laila P6, Rylan & Amber P7

Health & Wellbeing –Cal P1, Cerys P2, Charlie P3, Isla P4, Caitlyn P5, Lewis & TJ P6, Sophie P7

Year of the Young Person – Liam, Mia & Cairn P5, Robbie & Luca P6, Emily & Zara P7

JRSO – Eva & Flyn P6

All P7 pupils belong to a committee which has a specific remit and duties throughout the school

### Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received HT awards for September; P1 Lucas – Learning, P2 Terry - Development, P3 Leah - Development , P4 Natalia - Learning , P5 Leah –Development, P6 Alexander - Learning, P7 Luke- Development

### Sporting Events

Well done to the P5 cross country team who came fourth in this event. The P6/7 pupils also enjoyed their cross country event - well done to Freya who won a silver medal and Luca and William who won bronze with a joint third place finish!

We hope P6 and 7 enjoy their football festivals which are due to take place before the end of term.

### Parent Evenings

Appointments have been issued for our parent consultations next Wednesday 5.30pm – 8.30pm and Thursday 3.30pm – 5.30pm. If your appointment is unsuitable, please call the school office to arrange an alternative.

### Where are we and where are we going?

At the end of session last June all our results in literacy and numeracy were above Midlothian and Scottish average. This year we are working on maintaining our high results and supporting pupils to achieve more. Staff are looking at reporting and we hope to make changes to this in the session 19/20. We are also looking at developing our behaviour policy and this should be with you by the beginning of 2019. In assembly we will be talking about resilience and strategies and skills we can use to help us cope.

### Harvest Assembly

P1 and P2 are leading our harvest assembly this year. You will have received a letter asking for donations of food to help support our chosen charity – Women's Aid. Food parcels will be delivered to needy women and children in Midlothian. Please send all donations by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### Autumn Holiday

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (this is an inservice day for staff). Pupils return on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### ASG Camp

P7 are off to camp with the other local schools in our cluster. We hope that they have an amazing time. Camp runs from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Service of Remembrance

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.55am until 10.30am. Our P7 will lead the service of Remembrance. All parents are warmly invited to join us for this special service.

## Staff News

A huge congratulations to Mrs Cooney who is expecting her first baby at the end of March! Amanda (nursery) is off on maternity leave and eagerly awaiting the arrival of her third baby! Welcome to Erin, Helen, Kelly and Wendy who are all covering a variety of roles and sessions within nursery.

## Rag Bag Collection

We will have a rag bag collection on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Bags will be issued on Friday. Last year our collections raised over £200 for our school funds, so every little helps!

## Tuck Shop

Just to remind you that tuck shop is available everyday and costs 50p. Please note this CANNOT be paid through parent pay. Tuck shop offers fresh snacks such as toast, croissants, bagels, home baking etc as well as a range of fresh and soft drinks. On Fridays hot rolls are also available at a cost of 80p.

## New P1 Enrolment

Parents of P1 pupils due to start school in August 2019 should receive letters from Midlothian Council at the beginning of November advising them of their catchment school. P1 registration takes place on the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## Parent Course Online Safety

O2 and the NSPCC have joined forces on a mission to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. Together, they're offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have frequent conversations with their children about their online lives. We would like to invite all parents, carers or family members to a free **online safety workshop** at Loanhead Primary at 9.30am until 10.30am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The content covered in the workshops is aimed at adults. Parents with children are advised to arrange childcare if possible..

## Parent Council Halloween Disco

This will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6:30-7:30pm in the hall, £2 entry on the night. This includes a drink and snack. Come along and join in with some **SPOOKY HALLOWEEN FUN!** (small cost for tombola and tattoos 20p) When planning costumes please remember this event is for nursery to P7 pupils. The community rooms will be available for parents and buggies!

## Dress Down Day

There will be a dress down day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring a tombola gift for the Halloween Disco!

## **Dates for your diary (please note these may be subject to change)**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – P6/7 boys football festival

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 6/7 girls football festival 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>)**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Drumming session in school for Nursery, P3 and P7

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - P7 Visit to Poppy Factory

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – NSPCA online safety for parents/carers 9.30-10.30 community rms P7 service of Remembrance

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomimes

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 15<sup>th</sup> March – P4 swimming (2<sup>nd</sup> block)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Dunedin Consort P4 and P5 concert in school

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December P3 –P7 Christmas Concert 4pm – 5pm P4 and P5 Queen's Hall – Dunedin Concert (optional)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Loanhead Parish Church **ALL FINISH 12PM**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January – HOLIDAY (Teachers return Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Pupils return Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> )**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April P5 camp

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April –HOLIDAY all return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – HOLIDAY**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – PUPIL HOLIDAY (staff inservice day)**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Drumming session in school for Nursery, P3 and P7

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – pm Sports Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Drop in

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – P7 leavers assembly

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – P7 day out

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – final day of term **all finish 12pm**