



Loanhead Primary School May Newsletter 2018

Welcome to a busy couple of months ahead!

Uniform

Can I please remind parents that there is an expectation of school uniform being worn. This helps ensure a sense of belonging and discourages peer pressure to be wearing latest fashions etc. Your support in this is greatly appreciated

Thank You

Staff and pupils were sad to say goodbye to our lovely library ladies Janis and Christine. Thank you so much for all your support and inspiring a love of books in so many of our pupils.

Head Teacher Awards –*Care, Honesty, Inclusion. Learning and Development*

Congratulations to the following who were presented with their Head Teacher award for March; P1 Cal for Learning, P2 Lorelei for Care , P3 Seth for Learning, P4 Rudy for development, P5 Cairn for caring, P6 Lewis for Development and P7 Somaina for learning.

Monday Holidays

Please remember that the May Day holiday is this coming Monday 6th May. Pupils also have an additional Monday holiday on the 20th May. This is an inservice training day for staff.

Walk to School Week

Mrs Welsh and our JRSOs are busy arranging activities for our walk to school week we hope to take part in happy shoesday when you wear your happiest shoes to school! More details to follow.

Health Week

Health week this year is Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May. If you can offer any workshops which are sport, health, hygiene or wellbeing based we would love to have you! Please let the office know and Mrs Duncan our PE teacher will be in touch.

Transition

Our nursery pupils will meet their P5 buddies next week as we begin our transition work. The nursery pupils will meet their P1 teacher on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th June. There is also a parent meeting for our new P1 parents at this time. A letter detailing these events has been issued to nursery parents.

Lasswade and Beeslack High School transition days are Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June. Transport is not provided for pupils attending Beeslack High School for these 3 days, and pupils are expected to make their own way there. There is a blazer fitting and information evening for parents and pupils at Beeslack High School on the evening of Thursday 13th June.

A bus is provided by Lasswade High School for the transition days. Exact timings for bus pick up will be given nearer the time. There is also a blazer fitting and information for parents evening at Lasswade High School on Thursday 13th June.

Parent Drop in

Final end of year reports will be issued on Wednesday 5th June. Our parent drop in session is on the following day 3.30pm – 5pm.

School Improvement

I have approached Claire Lavelle from Hive of Wellbeing to work with groups throughout the school to develop our vision and how best to achieve our aim of having the child at the centre. She will be working with pupil groups this term and working with all staff during the inservice days in August.

We would also like your views on this and the best way forward to develop a school vision that impacts positively on the whole school community. If you can support us and spare the time to meet with Claire she will be meeting with parents at 4.45pm on the drop in day (Wednesday 5th June) this should only last about 20 minutes, but your attendance and contribution of your views and ideas would be very much appreciated. We are happy to supervise pupils in the computer suite to allow parents to attend this session.

Parent Questionnaires

Our annual questionnaires are included with this newsletter. Your replies to these questionnaires are very much appreciated and help us to form the basis of our school improvement plan. Please return any completed ones to school by Friday 11th May.

Sports Day

Nursery sports day will be on Wednesday 29th May. If the weather is bad this will be postponed and an alternative date selected.

School Sports Day this year will be on Monday 27th May 1pm – 3.15pm. This is weather dependent! If we have inclement weather we will hold our events inside, but will be unable to accommodate any spectators. If this happens the office will send a text to all parents

Summer Fair

This will be held in the playground on Friday 31st May 11.30am – 1pm. There will be a **dress down day** on Friday 24th May we will be collecting tombola prizes (small toys sweets etc.) for the summer fair. The Parent Council is also looking for parent helpers on the day – please speak to a member of the parent council or hand your name into the school office if you can help. Donations of home baking, raffle prizes, toys, bric a brac, will be all gratefully received. There will be a wine or water stall and we are looking for donations of full and empty wine bottles! If you would like to rent a table on the day please speak to a member of the parent council. **Please note in the event of inclement weather this event will be held inside and run from 12pm – 1pm**

Gala Day

Loanhead Gala day is on Saturday 22nd June. Your support at this event would be very much appreciated!

Parent Council

The Easter Disco raised over £200 thank you to all who supported this event. The next parent council meeting will be tomorrow Thursday 2nd May 6.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Curriculum Evening

Please note the curriculum evening scheduled for 23rd May has been cancelled due to European elections. This will now take place in September.

Dates for your Diary – please note these may be subject to change

Wednesday 1st May – Friday 3rd May P5 camp

Monday 6th May – HOLIDAY

Thursday 9th May – P5 golf festival

Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May – walk to school week

Monday 13th May P7 zoo visit

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

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

Thursday 23rd May – P1 visit to Botanic Gardens

Monday 27th May – am bikeability begins pm **Sports Day**

Thursday 30th May – athletics championships

Friday 31st May – Summer Fair

Wednesday 5th June – Pupil reports issued

Thursday 6th June – P& STEM visit **Parent Drop in & consultation with Claire Lavelle**

Friday 7th June – Poetry competition

Wednesday 12th June – Friday 14th June – LHS and BHS transition days

Saturday 22nd June – Loanhead Gala Day

Tuesday 25th June – P7 leavers night

Wednesday 26th June – P7 leavers assembly

Thursday 27th June – P7 day out and nursery graduations

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