

# Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter August 2019



## 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 Mr McGaff in P3, Mr Nelson in P6 , and Miss Clements our MA student in P5. We would like to welcome Heather to nursery and hope that they enjoy their time with us. Amanda returns from maternity leave in September and will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday and Laura will be with us on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday . We hope all our new staff have a happy year working as part of the Loanhead Team!

This year I am taking on the role of looking after the newly qualified teachers in Midlothian. I will be out of school for some of the time and Mrs Caldwell is now in post as Acting Deputy Head Teacher.

## School Lunch

Please note that there will be a price increase in the cost of school lunch from 19.8.19. A pupil lunch will now cost £2.10. Snack will now cost 60p and hot rolls on a Friday morning will cost 90p.

## Meet The Teacher P2 – P7

This will take place on Wednesday 28<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 Thursday 5<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 teacher Miss Ramsay. Please note that this event is not suitable for children.

### **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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<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.

### **Events**

Primary 4 begin their block of swimming this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Their final lesson is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. P4 parents will have received a letter detailing arrangements.

P7 will be attending the risk factory on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. They will receive a letter detailing arrangements

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November P4 swimming

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – 3.30-4pm meet the teacher

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – P7 Risk Factory **7pm – 8.30pm Parent Council AGM ALL WELCOME**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30 -6.30pm P1 Curriculum Evening

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Individual pupil photographs

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – INSERVICE DAY staff only**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – pupils return

A full calendar will be included in the September newsletter.