

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter October 2019

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 – April P1, Emily P2, Rhys P3, Marcus P4, Natalia P5, Hamish P6, Eva & Alexander P7

ECO – Artie P1, Zuzia P2, Emily P3, Caitlyn P4, Pradyun P5, Blair P6, Murray & Kieran P7

Health & Wellbeing – Lily P1, Haroon P2, Adam P3, Charlotte P4, Ava P5 Rachel P6, Ava and Robbie P7

Sports Council – Oscar and Hannah P4, Emily and Callum P5, Danny and Steven P6, Luca and Flynn P7

JRSO – Ailie and Sam 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 Iona – Care, P2 Bob - Development, P3 Phoebe - Care, P4 Katie - Learning, P5 Chloe –Development, P6 Emily - Learning,

P7 Michael - Care

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please remember that there is a strict **no cycling or scootering** policy within the school playground. Can we also ask that you remind your child to bring water each day to school as they will have access to this throughout the day.

Sporting Events

The P6 and P7 pupils are halfway through and enjoying their block of golf lessons. Mrs Duncan has been particularly impressed by the level of instruction the children are receiving. Many thanks to Swanston golf club for supporting and facilitating these lessons!

We hope P6 and 7 enjoy their rugby festival this Friday.

Parent Evenings

Thank you to all who came along to our new learning trio appointments. Pupils, staff and parents have all been very positive about the experience. We hope that this gives you a better picture of where your child is in their learning and how we can all work together to support pupil progress. There are also learning trio appointments planned for Thursday 10th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

Where are we and where are we going?

At the end of session last June, most of 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, parents and pupils are trying our new reporting format – learning trios - and this will be reviewed by all involved in May 2020. In assembly we will be talking about resilience and strategies and skills we can use to help us cope. Teachers are taking a closer look at their classroom practice and using a professional enquiry approach are looking at their own 'areas for development'.

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 the morning of Friday 11th October.

Autumn Holiday

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 14th October until Tuesday 22nd October (there are 2 inservice days for staff).

Pupils return on Wednesday 23rd 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 29th October until Friday 1st November.

Service of Remembrance

Friday 8th November 10.55am until 11.30am. Our P7 will lead the service of Remembrance. All parents are warmly invited to join us for this special service.

Rag Bag Collection

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

New P1 Enrolment

Parents of P1 pupils due to start school in August 2020 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 18th November.

Parent Council Halloween Disco

This will be held on Thursday 31st October 6:30-7:30pm in the hall, £2 entry on the night or by tickets purchased in school from Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Craig. This includes a drink and snack. Come along and join in with some Spooky Halloween Fun! (small cost for tombola and tattoos 30p) 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 25th October. Please bring a tombola gift for the Halloween Disco!

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

Friday 23rd August – Friday 29th November P4 swimming

Friday 4th October – P6 and P7 rugby festival

Wednesday 9th October – Parent Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom all welcome

Friday 11th October – P1 and P2 Harvest festival 11am (P1 and P2 parents welcome)

Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October – HOLIDAY

(Teachers return Monday 21st Pupils return Wednesday 23rd)

Tuesday 29th October – Friday 1st November – P7 CAMP

Thursday 31st October – Halloween Disco

Thursday 31st October – Thursday 5th December Dunedin Consort in school working with P3 & P4

Monday 4th November – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 8th November – P7 Remembrance Service 11am – all welcome

Monday 18th November – P1 enrolment

Wednesday 20th November - Parent Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom all welcome

Friday 29th November – Christmas Fair

Monday 9th December 1.30pm – P1 and P2 Nativity for parents

Wednesday 11th December – P5, P6 and P7 Pantomime at the Brunton Theatre

Thursday 12th December 1.45pm - P3 –P7 Christmas Concert

Monday 16th December - P3 & P4 visit to Queen's Hall

Friday 20th December – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – HOLIDAY

(Teachers return Monday 6th Pupils return Tuesday 7th)

Wednesday 15th January - Parent Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 22nd January – Wednesday 4th March –P6 skiing

Friday 31st January – Learning Trio meetings

Thursday 6th February – Learning Trio meetings

Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February – HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 3rd April – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

Monday 6th April – Monday 17th April –HOLIDAY all return Monday 20th April

Wednesday 29th April – Friday 1st May – P5 camp

Friday 8th May – HOLIDAY

Monday 18th May – PUPIL HOLIDAY (staff inservice day)

Friday 29th May – Summer Fair

Monday 1st June – pm Sports Day

Thursday 4th June – Nursery Sports

Friday 12th June – Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 17th June – P1 Induction Meeting

Thursday 18th June Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 24th June – P7 Leavers Assembly

Friday 26th June – Final Assembly Term Ends 12.25pm