



**Loanhead Primary School**

**December Newsletter 2019**

I can't believe it is December already, one of the nicest months to work in Loanhead as the feeling of community is very strong through all our December events. I would like to wish all our families a wonderful festive season and a happy and healthy 2020 when it arrives.

**Head Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Head Teacher Award for November *P1 Angus – Learning, P2 Connor - Learning, P3 Sylvia - Learning, P4 Taylor - Inclusion, P5 Liam- Development, P6 Ava – Learning and P7 Eva – Development*

**Staffing**

As you may know Mrs Rachel Lloyd the Acting Head teacher of St Margaret's Primary leaves the campus on Friday. We wish her all the best. In the interim I will be taking over as Acting Head Teacher of St Margaret's as well as HT of LPS. We are also very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Gillian Welsh who leaves us this Friday. All your friends in Loanhead will miss you Mrs Welsh and we wish you all the best in your new post!

**Indoor Shoes and PE kit**

Can parents please ensure that all pupils have indoor shoes and PE kits in school? The ground outside is getting quite mucky and this ruins our carpets and is not pleasant for the children to sit on.

**Head Lice**

There have been a few reported cases of head lice recently. Please remember to check heads and treat as required..

**Expensive Goods**

Please do not allow your child to bring expensive toys, electric scooters etc to school. 200 children all interested and wanting a shot does not end well. These should remain at home. Many thanks with your support in this.

**Fundraising**

Thank you to all who contributed to Children in Need we raised £188.73!

Our school Christmas cards organised by Mrs Hinton raised £161.70

Thank you so much to all who came along and supported our Christmas Fair. We raised over £1700 for school funds.

This is a record breaking amount for us. Thank you very, very, very much!

**Loanhead Has Talent**

Next term the Parent Council fundraiser is the Loanhead has talent show. This will be for pupils and the show will take place in Loanhead Miners on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Something to think about over the holidays??

**P1 and P2 Nativity Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Nativity for Primary 1 and Primary 2 families. This will start at 2pm and take place in the large hall. Please note that we can only accommodate a maximum of 2 guests for each P1 or P2 child. On exit there will be a collection for school funds.

**Christmas jumper and school Christmas lunch Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Wear your Christmas jumper or decorate your sweatshirt! Donations will be collected to support the children we sponsor in Rwanda. School Christmas lunch is £2.10 and this can also be paid through parent pay

### **PANTOMIME Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Oh no it's not – oh yes it is!

Nursery – P4 will have a visit from Funbox in the morning. P5, P6 and P7 are off to the Brunton Theatre to see Cinderella. The buses for this trip are funded by Parent Council fundraising events. Please see separate letter giving details of this trip.

### **P3 & P4 Dunedin Consort 11.30am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Parents are invited at 11.30am to a short (45minutes) concert to showcase the work that the P3 and P4 pupils have been doing with this group. There is also a trip to the Queens Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for a children's concert. Please see separate letter detailing this.

### **P3 – P7 Annual Christmas Concert 1.45pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and 11am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Primary 3 – Primary 7 will be performing in our annual concert. **This is a ticketed event!** Please see separate sheet on how to apply for tickets. On exit there will be a collection box for school funds.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am small hall Nursery nativity (ALL NURSERY FAMILIES WELCOME)**

Morning children are invited to attend with parents to take part in the nursery nativity.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm – 5pm (approx) P3 & P4 visit to Queen's Hall for Handel's Messiah**

Please see separate letter detailing this trip

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Drumming Performance P1 & P2 9am-9.30am (P1 and P2 parents)**

Come along and hear what the children of P1 and P2 have been working on within their drumming sessions with Infectious Grooves!

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December P1 and P2 Christmas Party**

Cost is £2.00 per pupil and a snack and drink will be provided. Please send payment into school before Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils may bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime. We hope to have a visit from Mr Claus around 2.30pm and you are welcome to join us for a fab photo opportunity!

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December P3 & P4 Party and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December P5 – P7 Party**

Cost is £2.00 per pupil and a snack and drink will be provided. Please send payment into school before Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils may bring party clothes to change into at lunchtime.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Church visit ALL WELCOME**

Our Christmas service will take place in Loanhead Parish Church at 9.30am. If they would like to, children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food bank.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11am Nursery Party**

All nursery children are invited to the party. There will be a visit from Santa at 11.30am – a super photo opportunity!

**Please note school finishes at 12.25pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December for all school and nursery pupils. All nursery pupils return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am or 1pm and all school pupils return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am.**

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

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm – P1 and P2 Nativity for parents*

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day*

*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – nursery – P4 Funbox concert P5 - P7 Panto Brunton Theatre*

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December |11.30 Dunedin Consort – Concert 1.45pm - P3 –P7 Christmas Concert*

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*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - P3 & P4 visit to Queen's Hall*

*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Drumming performance for P1, P2 parents 1.30pm P1 & P2 party*

*Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm P3 & P4 party*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm P5 –P7 party

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Party Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – HOLIDAY**

**(Teachers return Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Pupils return Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> )**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Parent Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March –P6 skiing

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Learning Trio meetings

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Learning Trio meetings

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – HOLIDAY**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Loanhead Has Talent – parent council event

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Loanhead Parish Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April –HOLIDAY all return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – P5 camp

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – HOLIDAY**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – PUPIL HOLIDAY (staff inservice day)**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Fair

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – pm Sports Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery Sports

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – P1 Induction Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Leavers Assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Final Assembly Term Ends 12.25pm

*Wishing all our families happy holidays and all the best for 2020*