

Loanhead Primary School

March 2020 Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely February break. It is so nice to see the lighter mornings returning and the signs of spring beginning to emerge!

Coronavirus

We are following the advice from NHS Scotland and Midlothian Council. The most recent advice is;

washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol based hand sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport

▣ covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.

▣ people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or early learning and childcare setting

▣ children, pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

o before leaving home

o on arrival at school/setting

o after using the toilet

o after breaks and sporting activities

o before food preparation

o before eating any food, including snacks

o before leaving school/setting

▣ use an alcohol based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available

▣ avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

▣ avoid close contact with people who are unwell

▣ clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

▣ if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call your GP or **NHS24** (111). Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment but phone.

▣ see further information on **HPS COVID-19 website** and **NHS Inform**

We will update parents through letter drops, texts and website as information becomes available.

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Head Teacher Award for February. P1 Chloe for Learning, P2 Katie for Learning, P3 Ellie for Inclusion, P4 Liam for Learning, P5 Leah for Learning, P6 Blair for Learning and P7 Daniel for Development. Well done everyone!

Staffing

Miss Clements will be joining P2 on 9.3.20 until the end of the summer term.

We welcome Mrs Cooney back from her maternity leave. She will be working with P3 on a Monday and Tuesday and Mr McGaff will be working with P3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr McGaff will be delivering music to P1 – P4 on a Tuesday. These changes will take place after the Easter break.

Beep Beep Day (road safety)

Wednesday 18th March is road safety day and Mrs Sharp (our campus road safety coordinator) has planned events for pupils in P1-P3. We are asking everyone to wear something bright and bring a donation for the charity BRAKE that supports victims of road accidents.

P5 Camp 29th April – 1st May

P5 are off to Broomlee camp at the end of next month. We are currently arranging for the centre manager to give a talk on the Broomlee experience and answer any questions you may have. This will take place at 3.30pm on the first week back after the holidays. We will confirm date as soon as it is arranged. Kit lists will be issued before the Easter holiday.

Sport

Congratulations once again to our athletic team who spent a morning at the Oriam taking part in the district championships. They came 8th out of 12. I would like to commend all our competitors for their positive attitudes, excellent behavior and super sportsmanship, Well done!

P6 have had their final week of skiing. Thank you to staff who supported this, they had a great time and developed their skills on the slope!

10 P7 pupils will be attending the basketball festival on Wednesday and there is also the opportunity for some P6 and P7 pupils to take part in golf.

Nursery News

The curriculum evening for nursery (parents only) on Thursday 26th March has been postponed and will now take place on **Thursday 30th April**, in the community room. On the night the staff will cover aspects of play and how to support your child's development at home. Parents of pupils joining P1 in August will have an opportunity to hear about the transition programme that we will be running in May. There will also be an opportunity for parents to have a tour of the campus.

Easter Extravaganza for pupils

The Easter Extravaganza, organized by Loanhead Parent Council, will take place on Thursday 2nd April from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Entrance cost is £2.00 and this includes juice and crisps. Tickets will be available to buy from the school office from Monday 30th March. You can also pay at the door. Tea and coffee will be available in the dining room for parents. Please note that all buggies must be left in the community rooms. The evening will include our annual egg decorating competition, some Easter craft, name the chick and bunny and how many sweets in the jar as well as the usual dancing and games. This event is open only to pupils of Ramsay Campus (Loanhead Nursery and Loanhead and St Margaret's Primary Schools)

Loanhead's got Talent

Thank you to the parent council for organising a super night – the talent on display was awesome! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The parent council raised over £700! I think this may become an annual event!

Holiday – Monday 6th April – Friday 18th April

On the final day of term, Friday 3rd April, we will be walking to Loanhead Church for our Easter Service. We finish at normal time (12.25pm) for our Easter break. Nursery will finish at 12.30pm. All pupils return to school on Monday 20th April at 8.50am (8.30am for nursery)

Hot Snack

We have recently had an inspection from a health advisor and as a result we have to make some changes to snacks we provide at break times. We can no longer provide hot bacon and sausage rolls on a Friday. Instead we will offer chicken sausage or Quorn sausage rolls on a Friday. This change will begin after the Easter break.

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

Tuesday 10th March – School nurse – P1 height and weight check

Wednesday 11th March – basketball festival – pupils taking part will receive details from Mrs Duncan

Thursday 12th March – P4 visit to Rosslyn Chapel

Wednesday 18th March – Beep Beep day - Road Safety Day

Wednesday 25th March – P2 visit to Rosslyn Chapel

Thursday 26th March – P3, P4 and P5 visit to Loanhead Church – Easter event

Friday 27th March – four P6 pupils – Euroquiz

Thursday 2nd April – P2 visit to Care Home

Friday 3rd April – 9am Loanhead Church (normal finish time 12.25pm)

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

Wednesday 29th April – Friday 1st May P5 camp

Thursday 30th April – Nursery Curriculum Evening

Friday 8th May – HOLIDAY

Friday 15th May – Poetry Competition

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

Friday 29th May – Summer Fair

Monday 25th May – Group Photos School and nursery

Thursday 28th May – P2 visit to Care Home

Monday 1st June – pm Sports Day

Thursday 4th June - Learning Trio Meetings

Friday 5th June – Learning Trio Meetings

Wednesday 10th June – Friday 12th June – P7 High School transition days

Wednesday 17th June – P1 Induction Meeting

Wednesday 24th June – P7 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 25th June – Nursery Graduation

Friday 26th June – Final Assembly Term Ends 12.25pm