



There is a definite feeling of spring in the air and it is so lovely to see the lighter mornings and longer days. Remember to turn your clocks forward on the 28<sup>th</sup> March!

### **Return to School**

It is so lovely to have our Nursery, P1, P2 and P3 pupils back in school. We are very hopeful that the P4-7 pupils and the remainder of the staff will join us on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, but this date is still to be confirmed. We really hope to have all our pupils back in school and thank you for continuing to follow guidelines and helping to make this possible.

### **Online Learning for P4-7**

We now offer GOOGLE meets in every class. This is an opportunity for children to see their classmates and class teacher online and help keep connected. If your child is not working online (some pupils are collecting paper packs) please, please support them to go onto GOOGLE classroom on a Monday, find out when their GOOGLE meet is and take part. Staff and pupils have reported that the GOOGLE meets are really good fun and so important to maintaining positive relationships with their peers and teacher.

If you have arranged to collect a pack for your child these should be collected from the school office on a Monday after 12pm.

### **COVID Procedures**

Thank you to all parents who are wearing masks in the playground and observing social distancing rules. In school, staff are wearing masks at all times and we are following our handwashing regime. We also have a cleaner who works throughout the day to ensure touch points are kept germ free. All staff, in school, are also taking part in twice weekly self testing.

### **Outdoor Learning P1 and P2**

We have received some local funding through the Cabin in Loanhead and have been offered the opportunity for classes to take part in outdoor learning. This will take place in LPS for P1 and P2 classes every Wednesday afternoon starting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March for 4 weeks (10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March). Each class will have an hour session in the afternoon on the Bing. Please send appropriate clothing as we will be outside for every session.

### **Nursery**

It is so lovely to see all our nursery children back they all seemed to have shot up over the last couple of months! Just a couple of reminders – please label all clothes this allows us to return items to their rightful owners. Please **do not bring toys** to nursery this is part of our COVID policy and we are doing our best to keep everyone safe.

## **End of Term**

Please note that this term finishes on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3.15pm (3.10pm for nursery).  
Everyone returns on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50am (8.30am for nursery)

## **Staffing**

Mrs Falconer our, Support for Learning Teacher, is working with P1-3 as Mrs Kirby has to work from home for the remainder of her pregnancy (this is in line with government guidelines)

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Burns in the office but wish her all the best in her new position in Edinburgh.

We welcome some new members of staff – Erin Scott our new nursery modern apprentice, Sam Fuller a student in P7 and a welcome back to year 4 student Amy Clements who is returning to P1-3.

## **NEWS JUST IN**

Congratulations to Mrs Cooney who gave birth to her second daughter (Sophie) on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. Both mum and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet her!

## **Parent Council**

The following parent council meetings have been organised for each school;

For both meetings please use the code **361 596 0647** and password **\$NPr2Y**

Loanhead Parent Council meeting on ZOOM – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, all Loanhead Primary School and Nursery class parents are welcome to attend.

St Margaret's Parent Council meeting on ZOOM – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm, all St Margaret's parents are welcome to attend.

## **Contact**

Please note if you need to contact staff – the school office is open each day from 8.45am – 3.15pm. You can phone on 0131 271 4625. Mrs Donnelly or Mrs Caldwell are also available each day in school.

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – LPS Parent Council 7pm ZOOM

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Term 2 ends 3.15pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – all return 8.50am

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – St Mgt's Parent Council 4pm ZOOM

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – HOLIDAY

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Inservice Day – staff only attend

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Term 3 ends 12.25pm