

LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Living it, learning it, loving it Lasswade 28 August 2014

WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone had a good holiday and enjoyed the glorious weather! We look forward to working with you to ensure a happy and successful school year ahead.

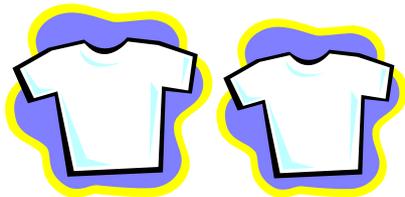
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The children looked really smart in their uniform on their return to school and we really appreciate all your support in ensuring the children were also wearing school shoes. For older children a change of shoes should be brought for use on the field at break times.

Mrs Campbell was also delighted to see everyone wearing their PE kit. PE kit can be kept in school and it is helpful if the children have gym bags to keep their kit in.

We have house t-shirts that can be purchased through the Parent Council. It is lovely to see the children wearing their house colours during PE lessons and very useful for our school Sports!

It is also **essential to have all items of clothing named**, however old the children are!



COMMUNICATION

This session we will have diary updates on our website for easy access allowing us to amend as necessary. We will also update our diary regularly in our newsletters home. These are issued every month and should give you information on current school and class events.

Our school website - kept up to date weekly is also an excellent resource and you can also follow us on Twitter @lasswadeps

This session we will continue with our **FRIDAY FLIER** - giving weekly news and photographs.
blogger.mgfl.net/fridayflier/

STAFFING

This session we have 384 children organised in 14 classes. We would like to welcome all the new children who have joined Lasswade this session as well as our new nursery and P1 pupils. We have a number of new staff members and we were fortunate that we could keep Miss Hadden. Mrs Linda Cook has joined our nursery staff as Senior CCDW and Miss Pache will be with us, at least until Miss O'Malley returns. We also have two newly qualified teachers, Miss Alison Adams and Miss Lauren Gilchrist. We wish them a warm welcome and hope they enjoy working at Lasswade Primary.

STAFFING

Nursery	Elspeth Reid, Linda Edgar Amanda Pache and Linda Cook
P1X	Alison Adams /Jacki Knox
P1Y	Lynsey Binnie
P2X	Nicola Skilling/Gillian Ramsay
P2Y	Claire Hadden
P3X	Claire Briggs/Jo Copland
P3Y	Dani Viola/Jonathan Henderson
P4X	Lynsey Stevenson/Eliz Thomson
P4Y	Elizabeth Thomson/Clare Thomson
P5X	Fiona Garraway
P5Y	Frances McTier
P6X	Katy Callender
P6Y	Lauren Gilchrist
P7X	Susan Welsh/Jacki Knox
P7Y	Gill Paul

P1's are in Braids. P2's are in Pentlands.

P3 and P4 are in Moorfoots wing.

P6Y, P7X and P7Y are in Ochils wing.

P6X, P5X and P5Y are in Lammermuirs wing.

SECONDMENT

My secondment will begin after the September break. I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and I will keep in touch!

SAFETY

We know that you share our concern for children's safety. We would like to remind you to phone school if your child is going to be absent. We will text home if we have not heard from parents/carers and a child does not arrive at school. We appreciate if you keep us informed of changes of address/phone numbers etc.

We would also like to remind you to park responsibly around school and try to walk whenever possible. The school car park is for staff cars and has one disabled space - please do not use the car park for dropping off children. Please help to keep our children safe.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

We would like to remind you to support us to ensure we keep healthy at Lasswade.

HEALTHY SNACKS

Please send healthy snacks—eg. Fruit, carrots or health bars rather than sweets. Fruit will once again be provided three times a week for P1 and P2 children. Please remember that we ask you not to send nuts to school as we have children with nut allergies. These children can have severe reactions and we need to ensure their safety while at school.

Fridays will continue to be treat days when the children can bring a different snack. Breakfast will once again be available on Friday mornings.



DRINKS - Water only please.

Please encourage your child to bring water to school. Provide a filled bottle of water every morning, which may be drunk and topped up during the day.

Please do not bring flavoured water or juice as this is not a healthy option for sipping throughout the day. Tap water is best! Milk is also available for break time.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

Staff are preparing presentations for our curriculum evenings for P2-7 on Wednesday 10 September. This will be a very informative evening which will give you the opportunity of finding out about the year ahead for your child. We appreciate your support and hope you find this evening very informative.

Further details about this meeting will be sent out in a separate letter.

P1 parents will have the opportunity to come along on Wednesday 3 September to find out about the year ahead for P1.

Further details about this meeting have been sent out in a separate letter.

The following booklets will be given out at Meet the Teacher evenings. They are a useful reference for the year ahead.

ESTABLISHMENT PHASE BOOKLETS

Annually we send home information about the rules and routines that have been established in class. We would like you to discuss this information with your child and we would ask that you sign the tear off slip at the Meet the Teacher evening.

HOMEWORK BOOKLETS

We send home information at the beginning of the year about homework. We would appreciate if you also read this, discuss it with your child and keep for reference for the session.

CLASS INFORMATION BOOKLET

This gives information about learning and teaching for the session. A list of topics are given and information on how parents can help at home.

PARENT COUNCIL

We are once again very keen to encourage new parents to join us. If you have time to spare we would appreciate your help. The amount of support we get at Lasswade Primary greatly enhances the quality of experience for the children and is much appreciated by us all.

The next meeting will be held in school on Monday 8 September at 6.45pm