



## **Loanhead Primary School**

### **January 2017 Newsletter**

I hope that you all had happy holidays. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the staff, to wish all our families a very happy and healthy 2017.

#### **December 2016**

Thank you for all your support over the various events prior to the holidays. Our joint Campus Fair raised around £1 500 and this was shared proportionately between both schools. A wonderful spin off from the fair was the amazing grotto produced by our Parent Council. This remained in place and was enjoyed throughout December.

The Christmas performances by both schools were well received. Feedback from parents after our nativity and concert was very positive and the children all performed beautifully. (Although I still find it bizarre that at the end of a nativity we asked the aliens to come forward and take a bow!) We have talented, confident children here in Loanhead and it is wonderful to be able to showcase their talents. This was even more evident during our first campus talent show. The pupils across campus were fabulous and the judges found the final decisions very difficult to make!

Thank you to our Parent Council for providing the in house pantomime for Primary 1 - Primary 4 reports say that it was the best one we have had in school. Primary 5- Primary 7 enjoyed a great trip to the Brunton to see Aladdin. Thank you to the Parent Council who provided the transport for this.

## Primary 7 Camp

Final details of kit required etc. will be issued on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. There is a meeting for parents of pupils attending camp at 6.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January in Bonnyrigg Primary school. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 9am - 11am all pupils attending camp will be taken to Bonnyrigg Primary School to meet with other schools and their fellow campers. Please ensure all medical forms etc are returned to school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. There is an expectation that all monies will be paid by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February if this is not possible it is important that you contact Mrs Donnelly ASAP to arrange an alternative payment plan.



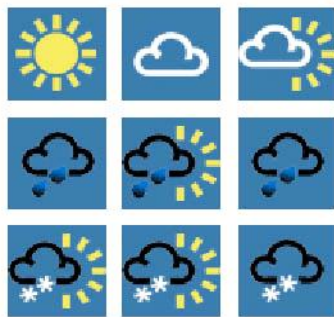
## Staffing

We welcome Mrs Niamh McClelland to Primary 5 and Mrs Wallace back to Primary 3. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our two new learning assistants Ms Gosman and Mrs Swanston who will be with us until Easter.

## Parking



If you are using the carpark, please be courteous. We have had some instances lately of cars and spaces being blocked. The disabled parking is for **BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY**. We have families who require these spaces and we ask that you respect their needs. Thank You



## **Inclement Weather**

Please remember, during the winter months, the school dining hall is available as a waiting area. This gives our P1 and P2 pupils and parents a warm place to sit whilst they wait on older pupils to be dismissed. Please also ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside as children will spend breaks outdoors in most types of weather.



## **Communication**

I would like to work with interested parents and staff to formulate a home school communication policy. I would also like this group to look at homework and the issues surrounding this. If you would be interested in being part of this group, which would meet once a month, at the most, please leave your name and contact details with the school office and I will be in touch in due course.

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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 1<sup>st</sup> March - P6 Ski lessons

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm in staffroom. All welcome.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - P6/7 Indoor Athletics (pupils involved in this event will receive a letter)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Nursery Evening - Details to follow

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 3.30pm - 5.30pm Parent Evening - drop in

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - P7 Dalguise

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Pupil Holiday**

**ALL RETURN MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Rag bag collection

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Photographer in school - school groups

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - P6 Orienteering event (whole class)

Drumming workshops for nursery, P3 and P4

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - P5 Broomlee Camp

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Curriculum Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Drop in Session