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**Loanhead Primary School**

**January 2018 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 2018.

**December 2017**

Thank you for all your support over the various events prior to the holidays. Thank you to school staff for all their hard work, our Christmas Fair raised around £1 400! After the fair we continued to enjoy the amazing grotto produced by our Parent Council. This remained in place and was used by classes throughout December.

Thank you to all who wore their Christmas jumpers and made donations to the Forth One Mission Christmas appeal. We raised a grand total of £105.60. Well done!

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. We have talented, confident children here in Loanhead and it is wonderful to be able to showcase these talents, at such a special time of the year.

Thank you to our Parent Council for providing the in house pantomime for Primary 1 – Primary 4 this was enjoyed by our pupils. Primary 5- Primary 7 enjoyed a great trip to the Brunton to see Beauty and the Beast, whilst our nursery pupils had a fantastic trip into Edinburgh to see Shark in the Park. Thank you to the Parent Council who subsidised all of these events.

**Parent Drop In**

We will be having an ‘open’ after school session on Thursday 1st February from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This is to allow you and your child to come into school, visit their classroom, have a chat with the class teacher and give your child the opportunity to show and share some of their learning.

**Sainsbury Competition**

If you have been in Sainsburys over the holidays you may have seen the wonderful display of posters. These were created for a competition between Loanhead Primary, St Margaret’s Primary and Paradykes Primary to design poster to advertise their food bank. A HUGE congratulations to Alexander Orr who won first prize! We also had some runners up – Zara Macintosh and Eva McKale. Well done!

**Head Lice**

We have had a few reported cases of head lice. Please check your child’s head regularly and treat if required.

**Gardening**

We welcome back our gardener Paul Glynn who will be working with P3, P4, P2 and P5 this term.

**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

**Students**

Miss Cummings, who has been working with P7, will be placed in nursery for 2 weeks at the beginning of February and then will join P2 until June. Miss Hollins will be joining P5 at the beginning of February for 5 weeks. Good luck ladies we hope you enjoy your time with us.

**Website**

We do try to regularly update our website please have a look; **Loanhead.mgfl.net**

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

Thursday 11th January – P1 outdoor learning

Monday 15th January – P5 Art workshop

Tuesday 16th January – P6 zoo visit

Tuesday 16th January – P1 and P7 Dental check up

Wednesday 17th January – Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Wednesday 17th January – Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Wednesday 24th January – Wednesday 28th February – P6 Ski

Thursday 25th January – P1 outdoor learning

Friday 26th January – P1 outdoor learning

Wednesday 31st January – Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Thursday 1st February – Parent Drop In session

Wednesday 7th February – discover orienteering (stage to be decided)

Friday 9th February – P1 outdoor Learning

**Thursday 15th and Friday 16th PUPIL HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 21st February - Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Monday 26th February – Safety workshop P6 and P7

Friday 2nd March – P1 The Elves and The Shoemaker drama workshop

Monday 5th March – Discover bushcraft P3 and P4

Wednesday 7th March - Drumming – Nursery, P4 and P5

Thursday 8th March – Boys football festival P6 and P7

Thursday 8th March – Curriculum Evening

Friday 9th March – Parent Drop in session

Wednesday 14th March – Friday 16th March – P5 Broomlee camp

Wednesday 14th March - Parent Council meeting 6.30pm in staffroom all welcome

Thursday 15th March – Girls football festival P6 and P7

Wednesday 21st March – Drumming Performance?

Wednesday 21st March – Nursery Curriculum Evening

Thursday 22nd March – Parent Council Easter Disco

Thursday 29th March – 1.45pm Loanhead Parish Church – Easter Service

**Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April PUPIL and STAFF HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 17th April – ALL RETURN**