Loanhead Primary School

November Newsletter

It is definitely getting darker and colder and seems a long time since the holiday week. I hope you had a lovely holiday. Mr Buchan’s wife had another little girl – Alice and we wish the family all the best.

**Head Lice**

We have had a few reported cases of head lice throughout the school. Please check hair regularly and treat as required.

**Head Teacher Awards**

Congratulations to the following pupils who recently received a Head Teacher award, P1 Livia – Learning, P2 Katie – Development, P3 Oscar – Honesty, P4 Rachel – Learning, P5 Frazer – learning, P6 Holly – Development and P7 Lucy – Development.

**Parents Consultations**

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who attended. We hope that you found your consultation useful. If you did not make your appointment we have been in contact to arrange an alternative time suitable to both yourself and the class teacher. These appointments are important to us as we really value partnership working in order to achieve the best outcome for every child.

**Sports**

Well done to all pupils who took part in the swimming gala. I think they found it a tough competition but enjoyed the experience. The boy’s football festival was a great success enjoyed by all. The Primary 6 pupils who attended the hockey festival were commended for their excellent behaviour and positive attitude – well done to all who took part we are really proud of you!

**P7 Camp**

Primary 7 enjoyed the Dalguise experience and all arrived home happy and tired with mounds of dirty washing! Thank you so much to Karen Hinton, Jacquie Craig and Michelle Harrison for giving up their time and accompanying the pupils.

**Forth One Awards**

Wishing Mrs Hinton lots and lots of luck at the Forth awards on Thursday where she is one of the 3 finalists in the best teacher category. We are really proud of her for reaching this stage and look forward to hearing about the event (and seeing her selfie with Boogie!) Good luck Karen!

**Christmas**

As we approach December and the Christmas madness I will send out a separate letter detailing events etc for parents.

**Christmas Fair Friday 1st December 12.30pm – 2pm**

Thank you if you have already sent in donations, please keep them coming! We are looking for toys in good condition, unwanted gifts, bottles for the bottle tombola and chocolate for the chocolate tombola. On the day and days leading up to this we will also be collecting your delicious home baking!

**Halloween Disco**

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for another successful Halloween disco. This was enjoyed by all. Thank you also to St Margaret’s Parent Council for organising the teas and coffees!

**Book Bags**

P2 and P3 pupils will be bringing home Read, Write and Count book bags which have been issued by the Scottish Book Trust. There are lots of ideas and lovely books inside to help you enjoy activities that will promote your child’s literacy and numeracy skills.

**Nursery**

Nursery trip this year is to Shark in the Park in the Spiegel tent on Tuesday 12th December. This will be a full day event for all children. Nursery nativities are on Wednesday 20th December and parties are on Thursday 21st December. Nursery finishes on Thursday 21st December.

**Dates for your Diary**

Monday 13th November – P4 trip to National Museum of Scotland

Wednesday 15th November – P6/7 basketball festival

20th – 26th November – Road safety week

Wednesday 22nd November – P6 trip to the observatory

Friday 24th November – St Margaret’s Christmas Fair in the Church hall in the afternoon

Wednesday 29th November – P7 trip to Sky Academy

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th December – Parent council meeting 6.30pm staffroom ALL WELCOME

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime

Wednesday 13th December – School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Monday 18th December – P3 – P7 Concert

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas parties for P3 –P7

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Parties for P1 and P2 and nursery nativities

Thursday 21st December – Nursery parties

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO NURSERY SESSIONS ON FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

 **ALL FINISH 12PM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

**Staff return – Monday 8th January**

**PUPILS RETURN – Tuesday 9th January**

Thursday 11th January – P1 outdoor learning

Friday 12th January – P1 outdoor learning

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