

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter September 2017



Welcome

A warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff and a very big welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils and parents. We have had a very positive start to the new school term with the children and staff all looking refreshed and ready to learn!

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all who came along on Wednesday to meet your child's class teacher. I hope that you found this useful. A warm welcome to our new teachers: Mr Buchan in P3 and Mrs Watts in P5

P1 Curriculum Evening

All P1 parents are reminded that there is a curriculum evening on Tuesday 5th September at 5.30pm until 6.30pm. This information evening is for adults. We hope you can make it!

P1 Outdoor Learning

P1 and P1/2 from St Margaret's will be taking part in outdoor learning on Ramsay Bing (hill adjacent to the school) with Sean Fallon from the outdoor education team. This will happen throughout the year with the first few sessions taking place in September on the 7th, 8th, 21st and 22nd. Letters giving more specific information will be issued by the class teacher.

House Captains

Staff and pupils were impressed by the quality of speeches and the amount of Primary 7 pupils who put themselves forward for a House Captain position. Well done P7 writing and performing your own speech in front of your house is an amazing achievement! Our elected House Captains are as follows;

Dryden – Archie and Kirstie **Edgelaw** – Laila and Mirryn **Gladhouse** – Lois and Zoe S

School Lunch

Please look for letters allowing you to 'opt out' of Friday free packed lunches. If your child never eats their Friday packed lunch then this is the option for you. Letters will be out by the end of the week.

Uniform

It is so nice to see so many pupils in school uniform it really helps to build a strong school identity. Can we please ask that you remember to name all items to allow them to be returned to their rightful owner? We would also like to remind you that football tops and football team tracksuits are not permitted for PE or outings or as school uniform.

Water

Our pupils have access to their water bottles throughout the day and we encourage them to drink regularly to avoid dehydration. In line with government dental policy we only allow water to be drunk in this way. If your child brings juice they may access this at milk time, break time or lunch time, but will be discouraged from sipping on this throughout the day as it is detrimental to teeth.

Camp

Details of camps for P7 and P5 were sent out before the holidays. Reminders and more details will follow soon.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in this Wednesday 6th September to take family and individual pupil photographs.

P4 Swimming

P4 swimming is now due to start on Tuesday 12th September. This is a delayed start as Loanhead Swimming Pool is not yet open.

Playground

Please note pupils **should not** bring footballs from home to school. Football is permitted in the playground at lunchtime and soft balls are provided by the school. Please discourage your child from riding on bikes or scooters in the playground as there are too many little ones around and too many corners! Thank you for your support with both of these issues

Nuts

Please remember that we are a **nut free** environment. We have infants who have severe nut allergies. Please remember that popular treats like Kinder bueno contain nuts. Please also avoid coconut products such as coconut water etc. Please do not send to school. Many Thanks

Health

If your child has any health issues such as an asthma etc. please ensure that the school office are aware and that we have medication and the correct paperwork in school for use when required.

Parent Council

The Annual General Meeting of Loanhead Parent Council will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 6.30pm in the staffroom ALL WELCOME

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th September – P1 Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 6th September – P7 Risk Factory visit

Wednesday 6th September – Photographer in school (family and individual photographs)

Wednesday 6th September – Parent Council AGM

Thursday 8th Friday 9th Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd September – P1 outdoor learning

Tuesday 12th September – P5 (8 pupils) cross country at Beeslack High School

Tuesday 12th September – JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer) event at Woodburn Primary

Friday 15th September – HOLIDAY

Monday 18th September – HOLIDAY

Tuesday 26th September - P6 and P7 (24 pupils) cross country Vogrie

Wednesday 4th October – Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm staffroom ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 11th October – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 12th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parent Consultations

Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – HOLIDAY

Tuesday 24th October – Friday 27th October – P7 Dalguise ASG camp

Thursday 26th October – Parent Council HALLOWEEN DISCO

Wednesday 1st November – rag bag collection

Monday 6th November – flu vaccination in school

Thursday 9th November – P7 visit the Poppy factory

20th – 26th November – Road safety week

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair

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

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity

Tuesday 12th December – Pantomime

Monday 18th December – P3 – P7 Concert

ALL FINISH 12PM FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

