

Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter August 2023



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!

Our Vision

Loanhead aspires to be a learning community where the CHILD is at the centre

- **Care** - To promote **care** of all through a culture of wellbeing and respect.
- **Honesty** - To foster openness and **honesty** between all members of the learning community.
 - **Inclusion** - To be **inclusive** and strive to meet the needs of all.
 - **Learning** - To promote high quality **learning** and achievement.
- **Development**- To **develop** all individuals to enable them to reach their full potential

Staff News

A warm welcome to Ms Aitken in P2 and Mrs Mackenzie who will be working with P3 and P4 in the lower atrium on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. We hope you enjoy your time with us in Loanhead.

School Lunch

School lunch is free to all pupils in P1 – P5 and Pupils in P6 and P7 who have free meal entitlement. Pupils in P6 and P7 can pay through parent pay for lunch. If you are entitled to free meals please see the school office for an application form. Free school meals entitlement does allow families to access other grants such as help with uniform, school trips etc.

Meet The Teacher P2 – P7

This will take place on Thursday 24th August from 3.20pm – 4pm. Come along with your child and have a look at their classroom and a chat with their teacher.

Risk Factory

P7 pupils will visit The Risk Factory on Tuesday 29th August. Letters with all details will be issued by the class teacher.

P1 Curriculum Evening

This is for parents/carers of P1 pupils only and will take place on Wednesday 30th August from 5.00pm – 6.00pm There will be a presentation on the P1 curriculum, ideas on how to support this at home, a chance to see round the school and classroom and meet with the class teachers Miss Waller and Mrs Beattie. Please note that this event is not suitable for children.

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 inappropriate clothing such as belly tops are not permitted for PE, outings or as school uniform. Please send in a PE kit. For PE pupils can wear trainers as these give better support and grip. Pupils do not need to bring a change of shoes unless we have bad weather and they are wearing wellington boots or heavy footwear. If your child wears trainers to school these can also be used for PE.

Doors

Pupils should enter and leave by their classroom doors. (Apart from primary 2 who will enter and leave by the lower atrium door.) In the event of icy or snowy weather the only paths that will be cleared will be the ones leading to the main atrium doors. If this situation occurs atrium doors should be used by all pupils.

Contact

All emails to class teachers must be sent through the school office. Please refrain from sending directly to staff unless a special arrangement has been put in place. Thank you.

Health Week

Our first health week will be held week beginning 9th October. If you can offer any taster sporting sessions please contact Ms Simpson, our PE teacher. Contact can be made through the school office.

Parent Council Meeting Thursday 31st August

Parent Council AGM and meeting on Thursday 31st August 6.30pm – 8pm in the staffroom. All parents welcome.

Dates for your diary Please note that these may be subject to change

Thursday 24th August – Meet the teacher

Tuesday 29th August – P7 pupils visit to The Risk Factory

Wednesday 30th August – P1 curriculum evening

Thursday 31st August – Parent council AGM and Meeting – All welcome

Friday 15th September and Monday 18th September HOLIDAY

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st September – individual pupil photographs

Friday 6th October – Learning Trios

Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October Health week

Wednesday 11th October – Learning Trios

Friday 13th October P1 and P2 Harvest Assembly

Monday 16th October – Friday 20th October HOLIDAY

Monday 23rd October – Inservice Day staff only

Tuesday 24th October – pupils return

Monday 6th November – whole school flu vaccination

Friday 10th November – P7 Remembrance Assembly

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – Book Week

Friday 1st December – Christmas Fair

Monday 11th December – P1 and P2 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December P3 - P7 Christmas Concert

Friday 22nd December – whole school visit to church for Christmas service

Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January HOLIDAY

Monday 8th January – Inservice Day staff only

Tuesday 9th January – pupils return

Tuesday 9th January – Friday 12th January Mental Health week

Friday 26th January – Scottish poetry recital competition

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th March – world book day

Wednesday 13th March – Nursery curriculum evening

Friday 15th March – sign language day

Tuesday 26th March – Thursday 28th March P5 Camp

Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April HOLIDAY

Tuesday 16th April – all return

Tuesday 30th April – Learning Trios

Thursday 2nd May – Learning Trios

Monday 6th May HOLIDAY

Monday 20th May Inservice Day staff only

Monday 3rd June – Friday 7th June Health Week

Monday 3rd June – Sports Day

Wednesday 5th June – World Environment Day

Wednesday 12th June – Friday 14th June P7 Transition days

Final day of term – **Friday 28th June**