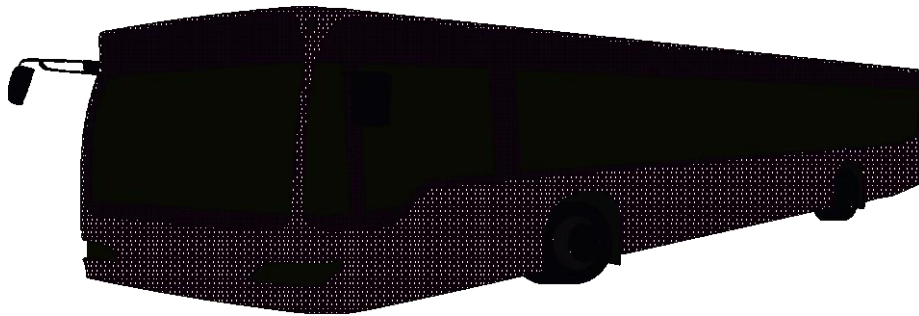


Loanhead Primary School

Newsletter September 2016



Welcome to our September newsletter. There are lots of events this month, including a holiday Friday and Monday and a few sport festivals. If your child is selected to take part you will receive a letter and a slip to fill in. We normally ask for a donation of £2 to help cover part of the cost of transport.



House Captains

House elections took place last Thursday and each house came together to vote for their captains. This allows for direct representation and helps to build strong house identity. We were so proud of all the P7s who put themselves out there and stood for election – one of the scariest things that they have ever had to do! Well done P7 not only did you make us very proud but each one of you has gained something from the experience. The elected house captains are as follows;

Dryden – Ethan and Constance

Edgelaw – Kirstie and Hollie

Gladhouse – Anna and Cohen

P7 this year will have many responsibilities and every pupil will be part of on a team or committee with specific responsibilities and remits.

Safety

Please remember that riding a bike or a scooter in the playground is **not** allowed. Our playground has too many corners and too many people and young children around for anything to be ridden safely. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Helen Longford after the September weekend. Miss Longford will be working with P5 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and alternate Fridays and P3 on a Thursday.



P1 Curriculum Evening

This is for P1 parents/carers only and will take place this Tuesday 6rd September (tonight) from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. There will be a presentation on the P1 curriculum and ideas on how to support this at home and a chance to have a tour of the school and visit the P1 classroom

Parent Council AGM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parent Council for all their support over the year. Thank you the staff and pupils really appreciate all that you provide and the support that you give to the school community. The AGM will take place in the staffroom on Wednesday 7th September at 6.30pm. All welcome!

Volunteers

If you would like to help out with trips or events such as the sporting events listed below or you are able to help out on a more regular basis we would love to have you! Please contact Mrs Caldwell to discuss further.

Choir

Mrs Callaghan our music teacher will be running a choir for P4, P5, P6 and P7 pupils on a Monday from 12pm – 12.15pm. This will start on Monday 12th September. If you would like to take part, please let your teacher know and go along to the Expressive Arts room at 12pm sharp!

Sporting Events

If your child is selected to take part you will be informed by letter.

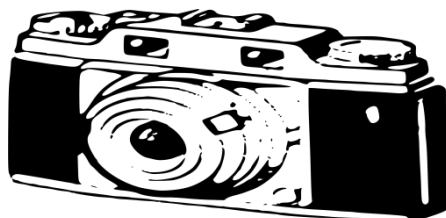
Tuesday 13th September P4/P5 Cross Country (8 pupils)

Tuesday 27th September P6/7 Cross Country (24 pupils)

Thursday 29th September P6/7 Girls Football (20 pupils)

Holiday

Please note the school will be closed on Friday 16th September and Monday 19th September for September weekend. All return Tuesday 20th September.



Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 20th September (first day back after the holiday weekend). They will be taking individual photographs of all pupils.

Risk Factory

P7 will visit the risk factory on Wednesday 28th September from 9am until 1pm. Please note a packed lunch will be required for this event.

Active Schools

Pupils should bring home details of active school clubs this week. These clubs can be booked by returning the form and payment in a clearly marked envelope to the school office by Friday 9th September.

Secondary Education

Please see the school website for a flyer about a public meeting to discuss secondary education and the increase in housing in Loanhead and surrounding areas.

The Incredible Years

This programme is aimed at parents of nursery and primary aged children. It is designed to promote positive parenting strategies and assist parents in managing behaviour. Courses are now being offered in Mayfield Family Centre, Stobhill Primary School, Woodburn Family Centre and Penicuik Stepping Forward. If you are interested in any of these courses please ask at the school office for more details and an application form.

Nursery

We welcome Claire Thomson who is covering for 2 weeks for Clare Reid. Claire is our peripatetic CDW and we are pleased that she is spending this time with us, getting to know children and staff.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th September 5.30pm – 6.30pm P1 parent curriculum evening

Wednesday 7th September – 6.30pm staffroom – Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 13th September – P4/5 cross country event (selected pupils)

Friday 16th September & Monday 19th September – Holiday weekend

Tuesday 20th September – individual photographs

Tuesday 27th September – P6/7 cross country event (selected pupils)

Wednesday 28th September 9am – 1pm P7 Risk Factory (packed lunch required)

Thursday 29th September – P6/7 girls football (selected pupils)

Monday 3rd October – Walk to School Week

Tuesday 4th October – swimming gala (selected pupils)

Thursday 6th October – P6/7 boys football (selected pupils)

Wednesday 12th October – 5.30pm – 8.30pm Parents Evening

Thursday 13th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm Parents Evening

Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October – October holiday week