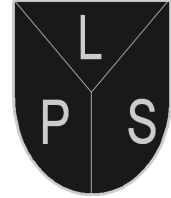


Longhaugh Primary School



Newsletter 3

January 2014

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### Welcome Back

Firstly, welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all our staff to thank you for the very kind Christmas gifts received at the end of last term, all greatly appreciated. Our young people have returned with great enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We look forward to great things this term.

### Staffing Update

We would like to welcome back Miss Mills, who has returned, after her absence. Staff and pupils are delighted to have her back. Miss Ripley will now work Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the mid term break, Mrs Adams will cover P2 on Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Sands is currently off but hopes to return at the start of next week.

### ASPIRE Project

We are delighted to be part of Dundee City Councils' ASPIRE project. Three projects are being offered to selected schools in Dundee, and I can now share we will be a school of Drama. This project is being funded for 2 years by the Scottish Government, DCC, Dundee Rep, Creative Scotland and Games Legacy. The programme will encourage pupils to take up new challenges and develop strengths that will hopefully help them in the rest of their lives. We look forward to this new venture and what opportunities this may bring for our young people.



### Internal Audit

As part of our ongoing self-evaluation, the school had a rigorous and thorough internal audit, this included the parent focus group and recently issued questionnaires. Written feedback will be shared shortly. This will also be shared at our next open doors event.

### Staff Training

All teaching staff will be taking part in Dyslexia awareness training this month, hopefully this will enable us to support young people even more quickly and effectively. Read, Write Inc. training is going well and already having an impact in school. Mr Sneddon has recently attended Numeracy development training which will continue throughout this year and shared with all staff.

### Severe Weather Information

So far we have been very fortunate with the weather this winter, however we all know this can change. If for whatever reason there are school closures, please listen to local radio and check twitter feeds of Dundee City Council and Longhaugh PS.

### Attendance

As part of our school improvement plan, we are required to monitor and hopefully improve our attendance figures. We are well aware children can become ill or family circumstances can impact on this, however in line with absence management procedures, we are required to address pupils whose attendance drops below 90%.

## Primary 1 Enrolments Session 2014/15

Enrolments for next session are already underway. Dates still available are Tuesday 14th January 9.30-10.30am and Thursday 16th January 1.30-3.30pm. Should you be unable to attend any of these dates, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a suitable time. Please bring with you the child's full birth certificate and proof of residence. You can find out your child's catchment school at Dundee City Council website by simply entering your post-code. A full transition programme will follow shortly. We look forward to welcoming our new Primary 1 intake.

### Diary Dates

Feb 12th Open Doors 1.30pm  
Thursday February 13th INSET Day 4  
Friday 14th February Mid Term holiday  
Monday 17th February Mid Term holiday  
Wednesday 19th February Parent Council Meeting 3.30pm  
Monday 10th March Parent/Teacher Interview  
Wednesday 13th March Parent/Teacher Interview

### Contact us

The pupil planners continue to be a good source of sharing learning and a means of communication. However, should you wish to speak to a member of school staff please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a suitable time.

A great deal of school information including success in learning is shared on twitter, please follow us at

### Wider Achievements

We continue to promote wider achievement, and encourage all our young people to share their success in any thing they do outwith school. This may include karate, dancing, football, reading and Brownies. These will be shared at whole school assemblies and on twitter.

### House System

In Term 1 we re launched our in school house system. So far this has been extremely successful with children gaining house points for success in learning to good manners in the corridors. Bonus points were awarded after our first whole school house football event. Our second whole school challenge will be a homework task, details to follow shortly.

### Longhaugh Primary School

**The Houses**  
**Broughty - Blue**  
**Claypotts - Green**  
**Dudhope - Yellow**  
**Mains - Red**

