

# LANGHOLM PRIMARY

## SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### Dates for your Diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** P2/3 Moorland Exhibition visit with Cat Barlow
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sept** P7 & P1 Moorland Exhibition
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** P 4/5 & P2 Moorland Exhibition
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** Staff training for treating child allergies and diabetes
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** P4/5 Carbon Busters
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept** Childline Assembly for P6 & P7 pupils
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** P3/4 & P5/6 Moorland Exhibition
- 12<sup>th</sup> Sept** P5/6 Carbon Busters
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept** P7 pre-curling session  
In school – gym kit as usual
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept** Autism awareness for staff
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** Winmarleigh Residential Week for P7
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** Childline workshop P6 & P7
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** P7 Curling Lockerbie
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** New school consultation Meeting at Academy  
6-7 pm – letters to follow
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** Sponsored walk
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** Financial Education P7
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** School photographs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** P7 Curling Lockerbie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** P7 Operation Safety-Dumfries
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** Financial Education P7
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** Alternative date for Sponsored Walk
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** Financial Education P7
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** School closed for holidays

### WATER BOTTLES

Some children are coming to the office on a daily basis looking for cups to fill with water. This means that they are losing valuable class time and Mrs Goodfellow is being interrupted while trying to deal with her very extensive administrative tasks. We encourage all pupils to keep hydrated throughout the day but it is essential that they bring their own water bottles. We sell very good quality water bottles for £1.50.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are very fortunate once more to have staff volunteering to run these clubs in their own free time. Many pupils will have already received letters about participating in these clubs:

**Monday** –cross country P6 & 7- Ms Malin

**Tuesday** – drumming and netball P6 & 7 – Ms Grant and Mrs Paisley

**Thursday** – Science Club P4 & 5 Ms Green

**Friday** – Football P5 – 7- Mr and Mrs Mills

Mrs Heughan and Mrs Wright will be running clubs for younger pupils in the third term.

### SPONSORED WALK

We have a fantastic record for raising funds for charity and while we wish this to continue we urgently need to raise funds for the school. Transport costs are becoming increasingly prohibitive and while we are happy to supplement the cost of buses for school trips we need your help to enable this to continue. Our children gain an enormous amount from their outings.

The whole school will walk the circular route around the Lodge which is approximately 1 mile. We are aiming for Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> September with an alternative date of Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> October if the weather is unfavourable. We will walk in showery weather so please ensure that pupils come to school with appropriate clothing and footwear. This walk was an enormous success last year and was thoroughly enjoyable for the pupils. Sponsor forms will be sent home shortly and we hope we can rely upon your support to promote good health while helping our depleted funds.



## HOMEWORK BAGS

**Our new primary one pupils were given smart and sturdy homework bags to begin the new term. These are embellished with the school logo and keep homework and reading books in good condition. It is hoped they will last pupils throughout their primary school years. Members of the PTA have been approached by parents who have indicated that they would like to purchase these for their older children. We are happy to order these for parents at a cost of £4.50 per bag. Order forms will be sent home with pupils. Please return with payment as soon as possible if you would like to purchase a bag.**

### CLUSTER HEADSHIP

**The final interview date for this post is the 27<sup>th</sup> September. We shall, of course, inform you when we have any further information.**

### PRIMARY 1

Ms Grant is delighted with her pupils and how well they have adapted to their new environment. After the October break we would respectfully ask parents to retreat behind the playground wall when children have been safely delivered to the playground.

Parents/childminders who have very young children and feel **they** may be difficult to supervise behind the wall and parents of children with a specific need for increased parental supervision in the morning, are requested to remain behind the bollards at the far end of the playground.

Some parents have approached us to ask if they **have** to stay and watch their children go into class. This is entirely a matter of personal preference but teaching staff have reported that pupils are much more settled in class when they have had a period of independent play before the start of their school day without parental supervision.



## SCHOOL WEBSITE

*Please be patient with us while we update our school website. We have been having some technical difficulties but hope to resolve these within the next few weeks. In the meantime Mrs Goodfellow will continue to send newsletters electronically and as paper copies.*

## CARBON BUSTERS

**Primaries 4 – 7 will be enjoying 2 weeks of workshops with instructors from the Carbon Busters Cluster Project. This is a sustainable education programme providing pupils with an excellent knowledge base of climate change and the impact on the earth's resources, which will form a basis for further learning at the Academy. We hope this will help to support their understanding of our environment and the climate. Whole staff training will take place next February to help develop the project next year.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

**The photographer will be in school on the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that we cannot invite Academy pupils over for family photographs due to time restrictions. Nursery afternoon pupils can have their photographs taken from 8.30 am onwards with primary family members if they wish.**

