

Loreburn Primary School Newsletter

19th April 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a pleasant holiday. This is always a busy term and before we know it, we will be at the summer holidays. I would like to remind you that this year our closing service is on Monday 1st July at 1:30 p.m. in St. George's Church.

Thank you to everyone who sent in Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers. New cooking, gardening and science equipment have arrived.

Dumfries Learning Town

Please remember that the meeting will take place in school on Wednesday 24th April at 7p.m. when Colin Smith will be available to discuss the Learning Town and answer any questions.

Loreburn Fundraising Group

This year's BBQ will be on Friday 7th June from 6 – 8 p.m. Let's hope we get the lovely weather that we have had for the past few years. The theme this year will be "Pirates and Fairies". Children (and parents) are welcome to dress up if they want to. I hope you will all put the date in your diary.

We are still looking for new members for our Fundraising Group. Let us know if you would like to help, even if only for larger events. Some people may not be able to attend monthly meetings but would be happy to meet just prior to an event to help with the organisation.

Please complete and return the slip below to let us know if you can help at the forthcoming BBQ or would be able to help in the future.

100 Club

This month's winner is Mrs Lisa Maxwell

P7 Physical Activity Survey

Our P7 pupils have been invited to take part in a Dumfries and Galloway Physical Activity Survey. The children have been sent home information about it.

If you **do not** want your child to take part please complete and return the tear off slip otherwise we will assume that you give permission.

Collecting Primary 1 Pupils

Now that we are in the last term, P1 will be going into the playground at 3p.m. unaccompanied by their teacher. We will remind them that they do not leave the playground unless someone is there to collect them and ask you to remind them as well. Mr Nelson and Mr Moffat are always around the playground at this time. Please make sure that you, or whoever is collecting your child, are here promptly.

School Uniform

I have noticed this week several children who are wearing school colours but not what would be considered uniform. Jeans and leggings are not part of our uniform and as many people comment on how smart our pupils look I would not want our standard to become too casual.

I ask for your support in this matter.

After School Football

I know there will be disappointed children but, unfortunately, Miss McLean is no longer able to take football training on a Tuesday afternoon. We would like to thank Miss McLean and Mr Martin for his support in running the club over the past several years.

Recorder Group

There are still a few spaces left for any P5 – P7 pupil who would like to take up recorder. Please contact the school office if your child wants to join.

Primary School Golf Tournament

This year the tournament will be held at Castle Douglas Golf Club on Wednesday 15th May. To be eligible to take part children must be a member of a golf club and have an **official** handicap. They should also have a good knowledge of the rules, course etiquette and scoring.

The competition is played over 9 holes medal play. Last year Neil Macdonald and Tyler Barnard represented the school, maybe this year they will have some others to join them.

If your child fits the criteria and you would like him/her to play please phone the school office.

Safer Car Travel

The Roads Policing Unit in Dumfries and Galloway Police has the departmental aim to reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured on our roads with a year on year improvement.

With this in mind Sgt Thomson is looking to organise a community safety event regarding the safe transportation of children within vehicles. The event is based on 'the good egg guide' which is a very good and independent website that explains the legal requirements of drivers and also shows what type of car seat is required for the varying ages of children.

A website which tells more about it is available via <http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/scotland/>

Gardening Club

Mrs Rodan will be starting her Gardening Club next Thursday from 3 – 4p.m. and it will continue up to 27th June. She will take the club regardless of the weather; if it is wet they will do something indoors. There are only 10 places which will be on a first come, first served basis. Places are offered to pupils from P3 – P6. Please complete and return the slip if you would like your child to join.

Cycle Training

We are very grateful to Mr Drybrough, one of our parents, who will take a cycle training class for us. It will give children the chance to practise their cycle skills in the playground. This is *not* the old "cycling proficiency" but the children will receive a certificate at the end of the course. I will be supporting Mr Drybrough with the class.

There are only 10 places. Children must have a roadworthy bike and a helmet. The class will run from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. for 4 weeks from Wednesday 8th May. Pupils from P5 and P6 will be offered places first.

Please complete and return the slip if you would like your child to take part.

Out of School Achievements

Anya Watt did exceptionally well to have taken part in the Scottish Gas Swimming Championships at the Commonwealth Pool last week. She was in several races for under 12s and was the only 11yr old in the Under 14 relay.

Finlay Zanna was delighted to be the mascot for the Queen of the South at the recent match against Brechin City.

Callie Robertson took parting the National Baton Twirling Competition winning another British title in the duo event....what an achievement! She also got two 3rds and a 4th. In the team event she got two 1st s and a 2nd.

Keir Campbell is now a fully fledged Scout.
Well done to all of them.

Yours sincerely,

Loreburn Fundraising Group

I would be available to help at the BBQ on the 7th June 2013

I would be willing to help at future events and would be willing to attend a meeting prior to the event.

Name:.....

Gardening Club

I / We give permission for to join the Gardening Club from 3 – 4 p.m. from Thursday 25th April – Thursday 27th June.

SignedParent / Carer

Cycle Club

I / we give permission for to join the Cycle Club from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May.

I / we will ensure that our child attends with a roadworthy bike and a cycle helmet.

Signed Parent / Carer