



LOCKERBIE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel extremely privileged and excited to have been appointed as the new Head teacher of Lockerbie Primary School and look forward to getting to know all of the children, staff, parents and families over the forthcoming weeks and months. From my experience of being in many different schools, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together.

This has not been the start I expected, however it has allowed me time to meet with staff. I have appointments scheduled for the coming week too, where we are discussing what they think we do well, and what areas for improvement we need to address first.

As a mother myself, I know how a supportive school is essential for the personal development of its pupils. Open channels of communication are vital for us all to work together to support your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your child's class teacher, with any concern, however big or small. We are here to help you and your child feel part of our school community and I hope that being part of the family of Lockerbie Primary School will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for you all.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne Aitken

Head Teacher



Communication

From now on we will be using ClassDojo as our main point of contact. All home learning, whole school messages and any other important information you need will be posted on here.

If you have not yet signed up to ClassDojo or if you are having any problems accessing the app, we ask that you get in touch as soon as you can.

We hope you find the app easy to use. We will gather opinions on how you find it as a communication tool before the end of the year.



Home Learning

I would like to know your thoughts about what is working well and what needs to get better. I will send a link via ClassDojo & Groupcall to a survey we have created about how you are finding home learning. I would appreciate you taking the time to send us feedback. Thank you.

Polite request - If possible, teachers request that pupils post work they have completed each day, rather than send all the document at the end of each week.

Staying in touch

One of the key tasks for schools at this time is ensuring that our pupils are safe. (Although not in the building, they are still our responsibility!) At the end of each week staff are required to report to the management team any families they have not heard from. This is purely from a child protection & pupil wellbeing perspective. Therefore, we ask that as a minimum, you are in touch with class teachers at least once each week. We understand that some of you are finding home learning overwhelming, so a quick message would be sufficient.

Thank you for your help with this matter.



Emergency Childcare Hub

Our school is currently being used as an emergency childcare hub. Access to the hub is granted via an application to the Local Authority. The children in school work in three 'bubbles.'

Bubble 1 – Nursery & P1 pupils (staff from Nursery Team & SLA Mrs Duncan)

Bubble 2 – P2, P3 & P4 pupils (Mrs Dobbin & Mrs Robertson)

Bubble 3 – P5, P6 & P7 pupils (Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Murray)

During the day the pupils are working on their home learning. Any work completed on paper is sent home with the children at the end of the day. We ask that parents upload this to their child's class teachers. As parents, we know you will want to see the work your children are engaging in and to have that ongoing contact with class teachers.

As of Monday school lunches will be available in school. These cost £1.90 per day. Children will make their order each day in class. In accordance with our Risk Assessment, lunches will continue to be sent to classrooms. If you wish to purchase a school lunch we ask that you send the correct money with your child each day.



Parent Council

I have my first meeting with the chairs of the Parent Council this week which I am looking forward to. Becoming a member of the Parent Council is an excellent way for you to help inform our work in school.

As we move forward, knowing what our parents think and want will be vital to our work. Please get in touch with me, or any of the Parent Council members if you would like to get involved.



Enrolment

Mrs Dee is currently working through all P1 enrolments - if you have not yet returned your child's enrolment form please do this as soon as possible. Any queries please email gw08officelockerbiep@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Mrs Jarvis will be processing nursery enrolments. Enrolment forms will be posted out to our current pupils next week. For those children turning 3 and therefore due to start nursery next year - forms have been sent out directly from the council - please complete these and return to school with a copy of birth certificate and proof of address. Both Year 1 and Year 2 forms need to be returned to school by 5th Feb. Our nursery offers 1140 hours to pupils on a term time only basis.

Hours are available between 8.30am to 3.30pm up to a maximum of 30 hours per week - for example 9am to 3pm x 5 days per week.

Any queries please email

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