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Dear Parents/Carers

Mid-Term Update

The first term always flies past so quickly; we can't believe we are heading into the September weekend already! We wanted to share a few updates with you and provide a calendar of events for the whole of session 23/24 to assist with planning at home for our families. The calendar of events at this point in the year is planned out until June. It is unlikely that any of the dates included here will change, but we may add some things on and of course, there is always the possibility that one or two dates may need to be amended. But first, here are some reminders and important information.

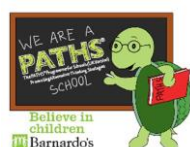
Communication

Our Safer Schools Scotland App remains our primary method of communication and is used by all schools in East Ayrshire. This can be downloaded from your app store. When you have it, search for Lainshaw Primary School; you will then require the code 9690. This is where important updates, letters, questionnaires, lunch menus and much more is shared. We know that the app can be temperamental and you may not always receive push notifications. We find the best approach is to log in to it once a day, in the evening if possible, to ensure you are getting all the information you need. You can also follow us at @LainshawPS_Ecc on X (formerly Twitter) to keep up to date with the life of the school.

Parents' Night

We recently held a consultation exercise with all parents/carers on the best format for our two Parents' Night sessions this year. A Glow form (survey) was provided on the app to gather all parent/carer views on this. 73% of parents/carers opted to go for both Parents' Nights to be held in the school with face to face appointments. The first Parents' Nights will take place on 14th and 15th November from 3:30-7pm.

Please see following pages for a session 23/24 calendar of events.



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Lainshaw Primary School Calendar Dates

SEPTEMBER 2023

Fri 22 Sep Local Holiday
Mon 25 Sep Local Holiday
Fri 29 Sep Macmillan Coffee Morning / Dress Down Day

OCTOBER 2023

Tues 3 Oct Parents' Association Meeting @ 7:30pm in The Centre, Standalane
Wed 11 Oct Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School
Wk beg 16 Oct October Holiday Week
Mon 23 Oct In Service Day
Fri 27 Oct Halloween Dress Up / Dress Down Day

NOVEMBER 2023

Thurs 2 Nov PA School Disco (P1-3 6-7pm) (P4-7 7:30-8:45pm)
Mon 6 Nov Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School
Fri 10 Nov Remembrance Day - P7 Tribute @ The War Memorial
10:45am onwards (Parents/Carer Welcome)
Wk beg 13 Nov Anti Bullying Week
Tues 14 Nov Parents' Night @ 3:30 – 7pm
Wed 15 Nov Parents' Night @ 3:30 – 7pm
Fri 17 Nov Children in Need
Fri 24 Nov Dress Down Day

DECEMBER 2023

Fri 1 Dec School Christmas Fayre (All day in school – further details to be released.)
Thurs 7 Dec P2 and P3 Carols Performance
Fri 8 Dec Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Tues 12 Dec P1 Nativity (afternoon performance)
Wed 13 Dec P1 Nativity (morning performance)
Wed 13 Dec P6 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Wed 13 Dec Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School
Thurs 14 Dec P3 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Fri 15 Dec P4 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Mon 18 Dec P5 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Tues 19 Dec P2 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Wed 20 Dec P7 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Thurs 21 Dec P1 Christmas Party 1:30-3pm
Tues 19 Dec P5-7 Choir Coffee and Carols Evening 7-8pm
Fri 22 Dec Last Day of Term / Dress Down / Wear something festive!

JANUARY 2024

Mon 8 Jan Pupils Return
Mon 22 Jan Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School
Thurs 25 Jan Scots Poetry Competition
Fri 26 Jan Dress Down Day

FEBRUARY 2024

Fri 2 Feb P7 Burns Supper
Fri 9 Feb Local Holiday
Mon 12 Feb Local Holiday
Tues 13 Feb In Service Day
Wk beg 19 Feb Developing the Young Workforce Week
Fri 23 Feb Dress Down Day
Wed 28 Feb Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School

MARCH

Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8 Mar	World Maths Day
Tues 19 Mar	Parents' Night @ 3:30 – 7pm
Wed 20 Mar	Parents' Night @ 3:30 – 7pm
Thurs 28 Mar	Last Day of Term / Dress Down Day
Fri 29 Mar	First Day of Easter Holidays

APRIL

Mon 15 Apr	Pupils Return
Fri 26 April	Dress Down Day
Mon 29 Apr	Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School

MAY

Mon 6 May	Local Holiday
Fri 24 May	Progress Reports Issued to Parents/Carers
Fri 24 May	Dress Down Day
Mon 27 May	Local Holiday
Tues 28 May	In Service Day

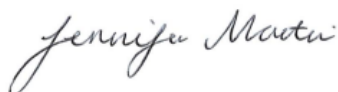
During May and June, P7 and new P1 Transition events will also take place; dates TBC from Stewarton Academy and ECCs.

JUNE

Tues 4 Jun – Fri 7 Jun	P7 Residential Trip
Mon 10 Jun	New P1 Parent/Carer Information Session
Wed 12 Jun	Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in School
Fri 14 Jun	Sports Day
Wed 19 Jun	Prizegiving Ceremony
Thurs 20 Jun	'Bump Up' Morning
Fri 21 Jun	Colour Fun Run
Wed 26 Jun	P7 Leavers Ceremony and 'L' in the Park
Fri 28 Jun	Last Day of Term / Dress Down Day

A busy year ahead, I'm sure you'll agree! The Parents' Association are in the process of finalising meetings for the year ahead so we'll share those dates when they become available too. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable September weekend.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Jennifer Martin

Acting Head Teacher

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