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Term 1 HT Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been our pleasure to welcome your children back to school over the past month. I hope you benefited from the opportunity to see their new class and teacher during the recent "Meet the Teacher" Event, and you're enjoying seeing what they have been up to on Learning Journals.

Celebrating Success

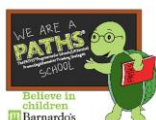
As always, we will promote our school values and positive behaviour, work ethic and academic achievements throughout the year. These will include house point tokens which are counted up at the end of a term and the winning house enjoys a treat afternoon. In the past, they have enjoyed a pizza party, a bouncy castle and a movie afternoon. At each weekly assembly, class teachers choose a Superstar Award winner from their class. There will be a termly focus which teachers will use to choose their weekly winner. This term the teachers are choosing someone who has upheld the school values of respect, honesty and kindness over the course of a week. There are also class rewards systems in place, which are agreed by the teacher and the class, an example of this being Class Dojos. The Depute Head Teachers and I, will also hand out certificates and stickers when we are impressed by what we see around the school. Children will often be sent to us to show off an amazing piece of work when their teacher is really proud of them. We, of course expect our children to uphold the values and behave positively, not only when they are motivated by rewards. Please refer to our Positive Relationships Policy on the BLOG to find out more.

Pick Up/Drop Off Arrangements P4-7

When our children move to P4 our policy changes around the pick-up arrangements. Teaching staff will ensure the children leave the building in an orderly manner but the responsibility to ensure the children arrive home safely rests with parents/carers. Many of our children at this stage begin to have increased independence at the start or end of the day. All children have been reminded at assemblies about the procedure if they don't meet their parent/carer as arranged, please ensure your child knows that they should speak to a member of school staff who are likely to be at the gate or if this is not possible they should return to the school office, which is always manned.

Homework vote

Following our vote last term where you were asked whether you wanted homework for your children, the results showed that a clear majority of parents who voted said 'no' to formal homework. This data combined with the low number of completed homework teachers receive means we are re-evaluating our homework policy to ensure that teacher's time is used effectively to promote the highest quality learning and teaching, while also ensuring families continue to be involved in their child's education. I will provide an update on this at the next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday 9th October, please come along if you would like to be involved in this consultation or contact the Parent Council chair through their Facebook page or by emailing John Semple at lainshawps.pc@gmail.com.



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School and Early Childhood Centre (ECC) BLOG

Before the summer we launched our new BLOG which can be easily accessed by typing Lainshaw BLOG into a search engine or by following the links from our App. The BLOG will be used as a static platform where, you can access information when you need it, it will effectively be the school and ECC website. Learning Journals and the School App will continue to be used as the method of communicating with you, but one of the challenges we recognise from feedback, is, scrolling through posts to find an old piece of information, the BLOG will help with this. Please have a look when you have the opportunity, it contains a Parent Zone and Policies, among other options, which should support improved communication between school/ECC and home.

Pantomime

With the support of the Parents' Association we have booked a traditional pantomime performance for the first time in a number of years. As always, we have endeavoured to keep the cost as low as possible for families, and as such, the Parents Association have agreed to contribute to the funding of the buses and the cost of the ticket, which has reduced the cost by £7 for each child. The overall cost per child is £10 and it is on Parentpay right now.

We cannot thank the PA enough for this fantastic contribution to this event, as a result of their fundraising activities and to you as parents/cares who financially contribute what you can.

How you can support the school/ECC?

Parent/carer volunteers

We are happy to say that we can welcome parental volunteers into the school and ECC again. So, if you have a particular interest/talent you would like to share, then please get in touch with Miss Speirs in the school and Kimberly in the ECC. You may, perhaps, have an interest in working within education, subject to a full PVG Disclosure Application being completed, you could volunteer in the school. Whatever you have to offer then feel free to get in touch and we can discuss how you could help.

Fundraising

Do you shop in Asda and use the Asda Rewards app? If so, then between **2nd September and 30th November 2024**, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend (in addition to their own Cashpot earnings). Please choose Lainshaw Primary!

Simply click on Cashpot for schools in the app, search and select Lainshaw Primary School. Asda will give £1 if you opt in. A donation will then be made each time you shop on qualifying items* and scan your rewards app (minimum spend of £2). **This does not affect your own Cashpot.** You can shop online (as long as your rewards is linked to your online account) or in store.

On behalf of the Parents Association, please sign up and help us raise additional funds for the school (you have raised £148.84 so far!) at no extra cost to you. Please also share with family and friends!

Survey Info:

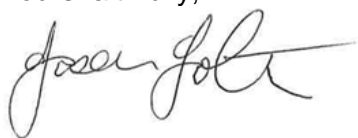
The PA would also love to gather your views on PA activities to help them plan the year ahead.

Please use the following link to access a short survey and share your feedback and ideas:

<https://forms.gle/rhAFR2y9hXMQb6eA8>

Please see attached Term 1 calendar for your information for the rest of term, I will issue Term 2 after the October break. Thanks again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Johnstone

Head Teacher

Lainshaw Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

Lainshaw Primary School
Term 1 Calendar for Parents/Carers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Parents Attend?</i>	<i>Details</i>
Friday 27 th September	Dress Down Day	No	Dress Down Days are always last Friday of the month, and last day of term Oct, Dec Apr and June. We ask for a £1 contribution for dress down days which contributes to school fundraising, which is spent on the children.
Friday 27 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning	Yes	See recent letter for details.
Tuesday 1 st October	Parents' Association Meeting	Yes	7.30pm start, check facebook page for further details, all welcome.
Wednesday 9 th October	Parent Council Meeting	Yes	6.30pm start in Lainshaw Primary School, all welcome.
Thursday 10 th October	School Disco	Yes	Times will be shared by the Parents' Association.
Friday 11 th October	Dress Down Day	No	Dress Down Days are always last Friday of the month, and last day of term Oct, Dec Apr and June. We ask for a £1 contribution for dress down days which contributes to school fundraising, which is spent on the children.
Friday 11 th October	End of term	No	School closes at 3.00pm.