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Term 2 HT Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable October break. As we step into Term 2, we have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead. The darker mornings and colder weather are now with us, so I would like to remind everyone to ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the season, especially for outdoor activities as we will endeavour to keep them playing outside at break and lunch as much as possible.

Parking and Safety

A reminder to all parents and carers to park considerately around the school. We ask that you avoid blocking driveways or parking on double yellow lines to ensure the safety of all our children. If possible, we encourage walking or cycling to school, which also supports our 'Shoot to Saturn' Active Travel Initiative. Our children have achieved their foundation award from East Ayrshire Council already!

Earrings in P.E.

EAC policy has not changed. Earrings are not permitted to be worn in P.E. I know there was contradictory information shared about this recently, and I have double checked the policy as a result. Therefore please ensure your child removes them on P.E. days as school staff are unable to remove them for your child.

Fundraising/Donations

At our recent school disco organised by the Parents' Association, the amazing amount of £1400 was raised. Thank you so much for your continued support of the fundraising work that they do. This year they have contributed to the pantomime buses, play equipment for both playgrounds and funding to support after school clubs.

The school has raised funds through Dress Down Days, Christmas Fair and Christmas Calendars which is being spent on literacy and numeracy resources.

Homework Policy

Many thanks to those who contributed to our recent review of our homework policy. Please see the letter issued today which contains our updated homework policy for P1 to 7. We have also issued a letter which gives you information on how you can support your child's spelling using our new Wraparound spelling programme.

The Class Curriculum Newsletters are issued each term. The rationale, based on previous feedback from parents/carers, is they should provide you with the information you need to be involved in all of your child's learning.

Also look out for a video, which will soon be shared by our numeracy team. The video will provide examples of how you can support your child's learning of times tables at home. This is part of our Monster Multiplication Masters Initiative.

Our Talented Artist

A massive thanks to Miss Vincent who spent time over the October break working on a piece of art, which you will have noticed if you have visited the main school office. This amazing piece includes input from the children who chose words which are now graffiti on the wall! Bonus points to any music fans who can spot the classic album reference!

Celebrating Achievement

As a Silver Rights Respecting School Lainshaw PS wants to share in pupil's successes, learn about their different interests and celebrate achievement. On the first Tuesday/Wednesday of each month the RRS will host a segment called **Lainshaw's Got Talent** at assembly time. Our first segment starts on 5th November and Mrs Larman is already impressed by the standards of talent. If your child would like to be part of future segments simply post pictures on the 'achievement from home' tab on Learning Journals.

School and Early Childhood Centre (ECC) BLOG

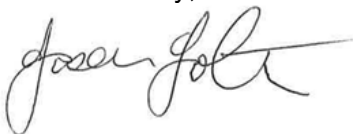
Before the summer we launched our new BLOG which can be easily accessed by typing Lainshaw BLOG into a search engine or by following the links from our App. The BLOG will be used as a static platform where, you can access information when you need it. Although the Learning Journals and the School App will continue to be used as the method of communicating with you. Please have a look at the BLOG 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.

Winter Weather Arrangements

As the colder months approach, we will keep you informed of any school closures or changes to entrance and exit arrangements for the school and ECC due to adverse weather conditions. Please ensure that the office has up-to-date contact details. On snowy or icy mornings the janitor and I are on site from 7am and will inform families as soon as possible of any changes. If necessary the whole school and ECC will use one door at the Kilwinning Road side of the building. Staff from school and ECC will be on hand to support your child to come in safely. Please prepare your child for this, if they are new to these arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or any member of the school or ECC Senior Management Team.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Johnstone

Head Teacher

Lainshaw Primary School and Early Childhood Centre

Lainshaw Primary School
Term 2 2024/2025 Calendar for Parents/Carers

Date	Event	Parents Attend?	Details
Friday 1 st November	Halloween Dress Up/Dress Down Day	No	
Wednesday 6 th November	P7 Residential Trip Parent Information Session	Yes	6.00pm – 7.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall. All P7 parents/carers welcome.
Monday 11 th November	P7 Remembrance Day Tribute at War Memorial	Yes	10.45am at War Memorial for short service. All parents/carers welcome.
Monday 11 th November	Parent Council Meeting	Yes	6.30pm – 8.30pm in Lainshaw Primary School. All parents/carers welcome.
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultation Evening	Yes	3.15pm – 5.25pm in Lainshaw Primary School. Time slot will be allocated asap.
Thursday 14 th November	Parent Consultation Evening	Yes	5.15pm – 7.45pm in Lainshaw Primary School. Time slot will be allocated asap.
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	No	Further details to follow.
Friday 29 th November	Dress Down Day	No	
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Fair	Yes	9.30am – 11.30am in Lainshaw Primary School. All welcome to attend.
Thursday 5 th December	P2/P3 Christmas Carols Performance	Yes	Further details to follow.
Thursday 5 th December	P6 Bubblegum and Fluff	No	Further details to follow.
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Lunch	No	12.35pm – 1.20pm – details to follow soon.
Tuesday 10 th December	P1 Nativity (PM show)	Yes	Further details to follow.
Wednesday 11 th December	P1 Nativity (AM show)	Yes	Further details to follow.
Wednesday 11 th December	P5 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Thursday 12 th December	P3 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Friday 13 th December	P4 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Monday 16 th December	P6 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Tuesday 17 th December	P2 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Wednesday 18 th December	P7 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Thursday 19 th December	Panto	No	All pupils visiting the Panto in Kilmarnock (AM). Live on parent pay.
Wednesday 18 th December	P1 Christmas Party	No	1.20pm – 3.00pm in Lainshaw Main Hall.
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Dress Down Day	No	
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term – finish at 2.30pm	No	