



Lawthorn Primary School & Early Years Class Newsletter

September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all our children back in school and I am really proud of their conduct and behaviour since our return. They have modelled our values of kindness, honesty, respect and responsibility. I would also like to say how smart the children are looking in their school uniform. Thank you to parents for supporting our uniform policy. We will be encouraging this high standard throughout the year.



Parent Drop in Afternoon

We would like to invite parents and carers to a 'Drop in Afternoon' on Monday 11th September between 1.45pm – 2.45pm. Parents are welcome to drop in to see their child in class and take part in the learning. On the day, we ask that parents enter via our school office. We look forward to seeing you.

Annual Data and Photograph Consent

Thank you to those parents who have completed the annual data check and photograph consent form. If you have not already done so, please ensure this is handed into the school office as soon as possible. It is essential that we have up-to-date information for your child on our system in case of emergency.

Please note that we are unable to accept photograph consent forms with specific requests. In line with North Ayrshire guidance, we can only accept forms in which parents/ carers have selected yes or no.

PE Days

Gym days for each class are detailed in the table below:

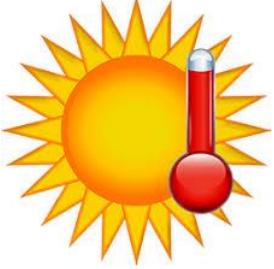

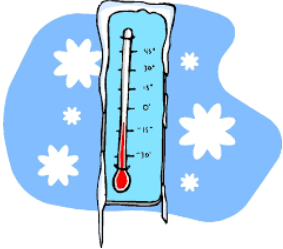


	P1A	P1B	P2A	P2B	P3A	P3B	P4	P5/4	P5	P6A	P6B	P7A	P7B
MONDAY			X					X			X		X
TUESDAY	X	X			X		X		X	X			
WEDNESDAY		X			X	X		X					
THURSDAY	X			X					X	X	X	X	X
FRIDAY			X	X		X	X					X	

To make changing more manageable for our younger children, we suggest children come to school dressed in a skirt or trousers and school polo shirt on PE days. We adhere strictly to health and safety guidelines and pupils must remove any item that may cause danger such as metal buckles and jewellery. These items are the responsibility of the pupil. Long hair should be tied back.

Outdoor Learning

Our children will have a number of opportunities to learn outdoors throughout the year. We therefore ask that children come prepared each day for the weather. Suggestions include:

		
Sunhat Sun cream	Waterproof jacket Wellies	Hat Gloves Scarf

EY Target Setting Meetings

We invite parents and carers of our Early Years children to a meeting with your child's key worker to set targets for Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. Meetings will take place on the week beginning 4th September for children who attended our EYC last session and for new children, meetings will take place on Tuesday 12th September. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please speak with your child's key worker.

Extra Curricular Activities

We have amazing staff at Lawthorn who give up their time afterschool to run Extra Curricular Clubs. This term we will be offering the following clubs:

	Stage	Club
Monday	P4 - P7	Gardening
Tuesday	P2	Art
Wednesday	P6 - P7	Girls Football
Thursday		
Friday	P4 – P7	Chess

Please look out for a letter each term inviting your child to take part in one of our clubs. Please note that should the club be oversubscribed, a ballot will take place. Our clubs are run by members of staff, Greenwood Sports Leaders and Students from local Colleges and Universities. If any parents would be interested in taking a club, please contact Mrs. Hyndman to discuss. Thank you!

Eco Schools

I am delighted to announce that we achieved another Eco Schools Green Flag for our school! We are proud of all of our children for their efforts to take care of our environment. Activities included our community litter pick, uniform and Halloween costume recycle, energy monitoring and plastic free Fridays. Well done to Mr. Flanagan and the Eco Committee for all your hard work.

P1 Mud Kitchen

We have received a very kind donation of two new mud kitchens in our P1 outdoor area and the children can't wait to use them! We would be grateful for any donations of old pots or pans, utensils or baking trays to help our children make the most delicious mud pies! Donations can be handed into our school office – thank you!



Parent Council AGM

Our Parent Council AGM will take place on Monday 11th September at 6.30pm in Lawthorn Primary School. If you would like to be a member of our Parent Council, please feel free to join us on the night.

Communication & Updates

I appreciate that it can be difficult for parents to know which method of communication should be used when receiving information from, or contacting the school. We have therefore provided the following table as a guide:



Method of Communication	What to expect from school	Suggested use for parents/ carers
Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Letters requiring consent or parent signatures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communication regarding pupil holidays/ appointments
Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly newslettersSchool/ EY informationInformation from other bodies e.g. Active Schools/ Greenwood Academy/ Music ServicesTermly homework grids and parent information leaflets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communication regarding pupil holidays/ appointments
Telephone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Informing parents of accidents or incidentsSharing of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Informing the school of absenceIn the instance parents/carers require to speak with a member of staff
Text messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief announcements or reminders	Parents should not contact the school via text
School gates/ EY doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief sharing of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief sharing of information
Face to face appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">More detailed information sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">More detailed information sharing

If you need to speak with someone urgently, please contact the school on 01294 224548. Our phone lines for the school are open between 8.30am and 4pm and the Early Years line is open from 8.30am – 4.30pm.

Term 1 Dates for your Diary

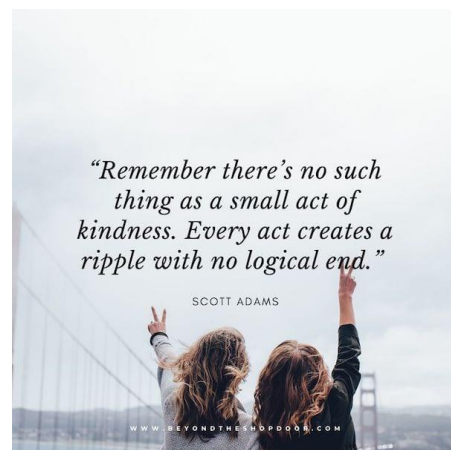
- **WB 4th September:** EY Target Setting Meetings
- **Tuesday 12th September:** EY Target Setting Meetings (New children)
- **Monday 11th September:** Parent/ Carer Drop in Afternoon (1.45 – 2.45)
- **Monday 18th September:** School closure (staff inservice day)
- **Tuesday 26th September:** Tempest Photography (individual & family photos)
- **Thursday 28th September:** Flu Immunisation

Other Dates for your Calendar

We are aware that we have very busy parents and it can be helpful to have advanced notice of school events. I therefore attach an annual calendar of our planned event for this session. Should there be any changes to these or additional dates added, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Wishes,
Miss Grossart
Head Teacher



Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility