

Loudoun-Montgomery Primary
and
Early Years Newsletter
September 2019



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Parent Council Newsflash!

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to an introductory meeting of the Parent Council for anyone wishing to form the Parent Council on Monday 12th September. There was very positive feedback and Claire Owen, mum of Lily in Primary 1, has been nominated as Chairperson. To ensure we follow all due process there will be a short AGM on Monday 16th September at 6:30p.m. to confirm the appointment of Office Bearers and set the dates for the next meetings. We hope any interested parents and carers will come along

Open Evening

Thursday 19th September

6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Parents, carers and pupils are invited to come along to meet your child's new Teacher and to see around the school.

This is an opportunity to meet the staff informally and see your child's class.

The Early Years will also be open so that everyone can see the developments which have been taking place.

Our Active School's and Family Learning Worker will also be on hand to provide information on activities available in school and the community.

Pedestrian Access

We were asked to open the gate leading from Merryvale Road. We were happy to do this and we hope this will encourage drivers to park and stride as the congestion outside the gates was a hazard to the pedestrians.

Sharing the Learning

We value the opportunities to have parents share the learning with their child. We have included the dates so that you

have enough notice to make arrangements to attend.

All events at 1:45p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Class	Date 1	Date 2
PRIMARY 1	7 TH NOVEMBER 2019	28 TH MAY 2020
PRIMARY 2	19 TH FEBRUARY 2020	10 TH JUNE 2020
PRIMARY 3	7 TH OCTOBER 2019	12 TH MARCH 2020
PRIMARY 5/4	29 TH JANUARY 2020	20 TH MAY 2020
PRIMARY 6/5	13 TH FEBRUARY 2020	10 TH JUNE 2020
PRIMARY 7	3 RD OCTOBER 2019	2 ND APRIL 2020

In-Service Days

As outlined on the yearly calendar the school and Early Years will be closed on Friday 20th September and Monday 23rd September for staff In-Service Training.

Pantomime

We have booked for all children from Primary 1-7 to attend the Pantomime, Snow White at the SECC in Glasgow on Monday 17th December. The performance is at 1p.m. so the children will return a little later than the school finish time on this day. There will be no charge for the performance.



School Meals

We appreciate that some children are having a few challenges choosing what they like from the new menu. In response to pupil requests, we have liaised with the catering team to vary the choice of sandwiches on different days to ensure all pupils can have a choice of something they prefer. The catering team will also provide a free taster session next week at the Open Evening on Thursday 19th September.

Reminder of P.E. Days

The scheduled days for each class participating in PE are listed below.

Class	Days	
Primary 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 2	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 3	Monday	Friday
Primary 5/4	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 6/5	Monday	Thursday
Primary 7	Tuesday	Friday

Your child should bring a gym kit to school and this will be kept in school and returned to be washed at the end of each term.

All jewellery *must* be removed for

Only if your child has recent ear p then they should bring tape from home to cover the earrings. Staff are not permitted to apply tape, without consent.



Medical Conditions and Medicine

If your child has medication in school it must be in date and labelled with a prescription label from the chemist. This includes inhalers which must have a label on the insert and not the spacer. Please ensure all medication is in date.

Entry to school

The feedback from the informal entry at 8:55a.m.has been positive and we will continue with this in the meantime. The

children have reacted positively to the removal of the bells and it has been of benefit to many of our pupils who find transitions and sudden noises a challenge.

Playground

Thank you to parents and carers who came along in the rain to the playground opening. We are delighted that some photographs from the day feature in the local newspaper this week. Front page news!

Absence Notification- School

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office on 01294-279031 and select Option 1 before 9:00a.m.

Absence Notification– Early Years

If your child is not attending Early Years for any reason, please let the Early Years staff know. Please call 01294-279031 and select Option 2.

Reminder - Early Years Drop Off and Pick up Times

To help ensure all children have the best experience and staff are on hand to welcome your child please keep to the following drop off and pick up times.

Early Years Start Time	Doors open	Doors close
8:00a.m.	8:00a.m.	8:15a.m.
8:30a.m.	8:30a.m.	8:45a.m.
12:45p.m.	12:45p.m.	1:00p.m.
1:15p.m.	1:15p.m.	1:30p.m.

Early Years Finish	Doors open	Doors close
12:45p.m.	12:30p.m.	12:40p.m.
1:15p.m.	1:00p.m.	1:10p.m.
5:30p.m.	5:20p.m.	5:30p.m.
6.00p.m.	5:45p.m.	5:55p.m.

Any parent wishing to collect an Early Years pupil at the end of the school day,

the doors will be open from 3.05p.m. – 3.15p.m.

This will ensure the safety of all children and means your child is benefiting from quality staff input, as staff answering the door takes away from time with your child.

Our School Values

Inclusion, Respect and Achievement

We look forward to continue to work together with you this session.

Kind regards,

Miss Robertson

Head Teacher