

Newsletter

February/ March 2022



We would respectfully ask you to avoid smoking at drop off/pick up times when waiting at the school gate. Please avoid this to allow all pupils & parents to be comfortable & safe.

We continue to ask Parents & Carers to remain out with the school building & grounds unless asked to attend by a member of staff. All visitors are required to complete Test & Protect paperwork as well as wearing a mask if asked to attend the school. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Please do not send pupils to school with a lolly for snack or as part of their lunch. These can be dangerous in the playground in the event of a fall or bump and may cause injury. Thanks.



February Right of the Month: Article 24

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy. Visit the Child and Young People's Commissioner Website for more information:

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk/rights/uncrc/articles/article-24/>



Free School Meals for P1-5

All P1-5 pupils are now entitled to free school meals. No registration is required. Just check the menu with your child to ensure there is something they like.

School Menu can be found at:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/meal-menus/primary-school-menu>



Free Bus Travel Scheme

Free bus travel for 5-21 year olds resident in Scotland is available from 31st January 2022, for those with a valid National Entitlement Card or Young Scot Card. Children under 5 already travel for free on commercial bus services and don't need a card.

Information about the scheme and how to apply is available on NLC website:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-council/national-entitlement-card-nec/young-persons-free-bus-travel>

Contact Us

Please contact the school to make an appointment if you have a query or concern.

Tel: 01698 274930

Web: www.lawmuir.n-lanark.sch.uk

Twitter: @lawmuirps

Email: enquiries-at-lawmuir@northlan.org.uk



Please remember we are a nut free school. This is all nuts and includes chocolate spread.



Please park responsibly around the school gates. Where you can please park & stride. DO NOT Park on the yellow zig-zags or in the designated bus stop.

Health & Safety Jewellery, Earrings & False Nails

In line with North Lanarkshire Council health & safety guidance, we must ask that children do not come to school with excessive jewellery on or wearing false nails/extentions. Earrings should be removed on PE days and studded earrings that cannot be removed should be covered with plasters on PE days.

False nails are not permitted in school at any time as they pose a health & safety risk in both practical lessons and in the playground. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings for children. I would appreciate your cooperation with this. Thank you.

Parking at School

There are an increasing number of pupils being dropped off/collected in the car park. A reminder that the car park is for staff and disabled badge holders only. We ask that you park further along Footfield Rd and walk to drop your child inside the gate. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones are not permitted to be used within the school campus. If your child needs a mobile phone for after the school day it must be switched off and remain within their school bag until after 3pm. You allow this at your own risk. The school accepts no liability should your child's phone be lost or stolen while on school premises.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

We would like to celebrate World Book day by inviting pupils to dress as their favorite book character. We ask that props such as weapons or masks stay at home to avoid getting lost/mixed up. These cannot be taken to the playground. Please ensure appropriate footwear and outside coat is also worn.

Dates for your Diary

We continue to plan all activities in line with COVID 19 protocols and mitigations in place from North Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Government. As such all school, events are subject to change.

Event	Date
March	
World Book Day (Character Dress Up)	Thursday 3 rd March
Bud Bus Visit (Poppy Scotland)	Friday 4 th March
Fairtrade Friday	Friday 4 th March
Comic Relief (Wear Red)	Friday 18 th March
April	
Spring Holiday	School close: Friday 1 st April at 2.30pm
Return to School	Tuesday 19 th April
May	
May day Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
In-service Day	Thursday 5 th May
May Weekend Holiday	Friday 27 th May
June	
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3 rd June
School Closes	Wednesday 29 th June at 1pm

Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March

To celebrate comic relief this year we are asking everyone wears something red. This could be a whole outfit, a red nose t-shirt or something red along with your uniform. While there is no charge for this event we invite those who would like to to donate £1 to Children In Need charity.

Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.

Instagram



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers (recommended: on)

COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.

Tiktok



PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers (recommended: on)

SAFETY: Tiktok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts (recommended: friends)

COMMENT FILTERS: you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in (recommended: on)

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.

WhatsApp



PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS: You can change who can see a profile photo and status (recommended: my contacts)

GROUPS: allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups (recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)

BLOCKED: can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!

Snapchat



CONTACT: decide who can message you and send you snaps (recommended: my friends)

VIEW MY STORY: restrict who can see your story (recommended: my friends)

GHOST MODE: if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map (recommended: on)

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more