 **LANGLOAN PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY CLASS** 

**NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that your child has now settled in well with their new friends and teacher, and we look forward to working closely with you in order to support your child to reach their full potential.

**School Staffing**

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Nicole Henderson will remain as our Acting Principal Teacher for now. Mrs Henderson is working very hard in this role and I thank her for her support.

Miss Ellis Smith has currently joined us as a class teacher on a temporary contract. Miss Smith is working within all classes and has very quickly become a valued member of our team.

**Nursery Staffing**

We were very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Paula Goodwin in our nursery. Paula has been a valued member of our team, and we wish her every success as she moves to a new post.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Alison Kean on to our nursery team.

**School Uniform**

Thank you for your support in sending our pupils back to school very smartly in their full school uniforms. We currently have several items of clothing left over from previous sessions, which we are happy to offer you, if you could make use of it. This mainly includes school jumpers, cardigans and trousers. Please remember to write your child’s name onto EVERYTHING as we already have many items of lost property this session.

**Late coming and attendance**

Please ensure that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell. It is vital that they are in their line at 8.55am daily, as our school is locked soon after this for the safety of all pupils. If your child is late or absent for any reason please remember to call our school office or register their absence on our Parent Portal.

**Meet the Teacher Event in our School and Nursery – Thurs 31st August**

We are looking forward to our ‘Meet the Teacher’ event this coming Thursday, 31st August, from 2.15pm – 3pm. All parents are invited to visit our nursery, and all classes from Rooms 1 – 8.

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Henderson – class teacher for p6/7, room 9, will be unavailable at this time and an alternative date will be offered.

**School and Nursery Funds – Monday 4th September 3pm-4pm**

In order to enhance school funds this year we plan to have a few dress down days and other simple fundraising activities thoughout the school year. Please see some intial dates below.

SALE OF HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS COSTUMES AND ITEMS – Tesco has very kindly donated many items to us, to sell in aid of our nursery funds. These items are brand new with tags. Items include Halloween make-up and costumes ranging from age 18 months – 14 years; Christmas hats; cards; napkins etc. Please come along to our sale in the school gym hall on the 4th of September to grab some bargains and support our nursery funds.

**House and Vice Captains**

This year all primary seven pupils will have the opportunity to be either a House or a Vice Captain. We believe that this is a privilege and a responsibility that should be available to all children, with all pupils taking on this roll for one school term.

**Suitable Clothing and Footwear**

Pupils will be outdoors until 8.55 am, and during our morning interval and lunchtime, apart from in exceptional weathers e.g. very heavy rain, ice, storms, etc. Please therefore ensure that your child has suitable clothing to cope with our changing weather conditions, thank you.

**Parent Council - Wed 13th Sept 2023**

Our first meeting will be held in school, on Wednesday 13th September 2023, from 7pm onwards. We currently have a few vacancies on our Parent Council and further information will follow to allow you to decide if you would like to support us with this. Should several parents express an interest in joining our Parent Council we may have to proceed to a ballot and a waiting list.

**Class Assemblies**

Every month one class will host an assembly for our school. Parents and carers of the pupils in that particular class will be invited to attend the assembly. Our first assembly will be hosted by our Primary 2/3 pupils in Room 3. This will take place in our school gym hall from 2.15 – 3pm on Thursday 21st September. Dates of all other assemblies are included below in the ‘Dates for your Diaries’ section.

**Free school meals**

Pupils from p1 – p5 are entitled to a FREE breakfast and a FREE lunch. Pupils in p6 and 7 may also be entitled to FREE school meals, but parents currently need to apply for this. Please call us if you require any support or further details regarding free school meals.

**Kodaly**

Our primary five pupils are receiving fortnightly music lessons (Kodaly) from our visiting specialist Mrs McGregor.

**Samba**

Pupils in Room 9 are being offered weekly Samba Music Lessons from a visiting specialist. This fabulous new opportunity is being funded by NLC at no charge to our school or our pupils.

**Gaelic Football**

Our p7s will soon be enjoying weekly Gaelic Football lessons from our visiting PE specialist Joe Bradley. This is paid for through our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF). Further information regarding our school budget, including our use of Langloan Primary’s PEF will be made available to all parents over the coming months.

**Parents portal**

North Lanarkshire Council intends to use the Parents Portal more and more this session. It is believed that pupil report cards will be available to view through the portal.

Parents can also log their child’s absence from school through the portal; and can apply for their child’s FREE bus pass. Further emails regarding logging into the Parents Portal and regarding FREE buses passes for all young people in Scotland will follow soon.

**Planning Ahead**

Below is a list of many dates which be of interest to you. I will reissue all dates on a monthly basis, but thought that any early ‘heads up’ may help you with your own personal plannning.

Should you require any further information regarding our school please do not hesitate to contact me on 01236 632092 or enquiries-at-langloan@northlan.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Rooney

Head Teacher

 **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2023-2024** 

**TERM 1**

Thurs 31st August 2.15pm Meet the teacher event for Nursery and Rooms 1-8

Mon 4th Sept 3pm – 4pm Nursery Stall selling Halloween and Christmas items

Wed 13th September 7pm Parent Council Meeting

Thurs 14th Sept Nursery transition event

Thurs 21st Sept Dress down day – bring £1 for school funds

Thurs 21st Sept Room 3 Assembly

22nd – 25th September inclusive SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY

Thurs 12th October Room 2 Assembly

16th – 20th October inclusive OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY

**TERM 2**

Thurs 26th October Room 9 Assembly

Thurs 26TH Oct Halloween disco

Thurs 2nd Nov Room 5 Assembly

Wed 8TH Nov 7pm Parent Council Meeting

Mon 13th Nov In-service Day – pupils do not attend

16th November PARENTS EVENING

SATURDAY 25TH NOV CHRISTMAS FARYE

Thurs 14TH Dec CHRISTMAS SHOW – Afternoon and evening performances

Friday 15th Dec CHRISTMAS SHOW – Morning performance

Thurs 21st Dec Dress down day – bring £1 for school fund

Friday 22nd Dec - 9.30am Christmas Service in Middle Church

Fri 22nd Dec Close at 2.30 for Christmas Holidays

 **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2023-2024** 

**TERM 3**

Wed 31st January 7pm Parent Council Meeting

Thurs 8TH Feb Valentines Disco

Fri 9th Feb Dress down day – bring £1 for school funds

Mon 12th and Tues 13th Feb SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wed 14th Feb In-service day - pupils do not attend

Thurs 29th Feb Room 6 Assembly

Thurs 21st Mar Room 8 Assembly

Wed 27th March Dress down – bring £1 for school fund

Thurs 28th March - 9.30am Easter service in Middle Church

Friday 29th Mar – Fri 12th Apr inclusive EASTER HOLIDAYS

**TERM 4**

Wed 24th April Parent Council Meeting

Thurs 2nd May In-service day – Subject to change

Mon 6th May SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Thurs 9th May Room 1 Assembly

THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 PARENTS EVENING

Thurs 23rd May Room 7 Assembly

24TH – 27TH May inclusive SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Tues 28th – Friday 31st inclusive p7 to Strathclyde Park

Wed 5th June 7pm Parent Council Meeting

Thurs 13TH June Summer disco

Thurs 20th June 9.30am LEAVERS ASSEMBLY – p7 parents to attend

Monday 24th June 2024 -  1.15pm Presentations in Middle Church

Wed 26th June SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1pm for SUMMER