



School Newsletter December 2023

Head Teacher Message

I wanted to say thank you to the Luncarty Primary staff and community for all their hard work building up to the end of Term 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff team, the pupils and everyone working around the school.



Mrs Burton



Staffing News

Mrs Hepburn will continue to be out of class with her role as Principal teacher, and we are delighted that Miss Carruthers will continue to be working with P3/4 Tuesday-Friday until the February break.

Mrs Dargie will be returning in January, following a short absence, and we look forward to having her back in school.

I will continue as Acting Headteacher into Term 3, while Mrs Swan is absent. We will keep you informed of any changes as we become aware of these.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the Parent Council and their team who organised a fantastic Christmas Fayre at the beginning of December. There was a great turn out to support it, and so lovely to see all the crafts and stalls available.

We would also like to thank them for their continued support with providing the Christmas party food and gifts.

End of Term

It has been a busy week as we come to the end of Term 2, with our Winter door decorations, parties, and finishing with our last day of term on **Friday 22nd December at 12 noon.**



Pupils may bring in retro toys on Friday (no electronics please).

The staff team wish you an enjoyable festive season and look forward to seeing the pupils back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Christmas Doors

Each class designed a winter themed door. They look fabulous and cheer up the hall.



2024/25 P1 Intake Registration

This year, the registration week will be 8th - 12th January 2024.



Any parent/family who approach a school to enrol their child/children indicating that they live with family or friends who reside within the catchment area **cannot be considered for catchment enrolment**, this is recognised as a temporary arrangement, and they will be advised to submit a placing request application. A placing request application will then be considered at the centre in conjunction with the school and will only be approved if there is capacity to register at the requested school **without using protected reserved places that are held specifically for catchment enrolments**. Should a placing request application be unsuccessful, parents can submit a further placing request application for an alternative school that will be considered as previously indicated.

An extract from our current registration guidance follows to confirm acceptable proofs of address, at least one of which must be provided to confirm residence in the catchment area:

Council Tax Bill* (Preferred)

Utility Bill (Preferred)**

Solicitor Confirm Purchase* (Acceptable)**

Copy of Lease Document (Acceptable)

*** The Council Tax Bill must be held in the name of the parent enrolling the pupil. A letter from Council Tax confirming the parent lives at the address will be considered as a temporary arrangement and is not accepted as an appropriate proof of address to enrol as catchment.**

**** Internet printouts of utility bills are accepted if the name of the parent and the address is clearly stated.**

***** The Solicitor Confirm Purchase letter must indicate that missives have been concluded and state a confirmed date of entry.**

Note that a mobile phone bill or bank statement is not an acceptable alternative to a utility bill to confirm proof of residency.

Nursery Registration

Initial Applications are open: 8/1/24 - 7/4/24. This year the initial application deadline has been extended to support more parents to submit applications within the first phase.

Children born between	Eligible to start nursery
1 March 2021 – 31 August 2021	Start of school session August 2024
1 September 2021 – 31 December 2021	Week commencing 6 January 2025
1 January 2022 – 28 February 2022	From 23 April 2025

Deferral the same as last year - children who turn 5 after the school commencement date in August to the end of February 2025 are automatically entitled to an additional year of ELC. Parents **must** complete the [online application form](#) to ensure an ELC placement will be offered. If parents do not apply, every effort will be made to give the child a place in the ELC setting of their choice, but this cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, please encourage anyone who is considering an additional funded year of ELC for their child to apply in this first phase. If they decide to attend P1 in August, their ELC placement can later be declined. If they are undecided at this stage they should apply for both ELC & P1.

SCHOOL DIARY

SESSION 23-24

New information will be added in **BOLD** each month.

DECEMBER 2023

Fri 22nd School finishes 12 noon

Mon 25th – Fri 5th Jan Christmas holidays

JANUARY 2024

Mon 8th School starts

Fri 12th P1/2 & P3/4 Indoor Cricket (4 week block)

Fri 26th Scottish Poetry Competition

FEBRUARY 2024

Thurs 1st Parent Council Meeting 6pm (all welcome)

Wed 14th Inservice Day

Thurs 15th/Fri 16th Holiday

Thurs 29th P1 and P7 dental checks

MARCH 2024

Thurs 14th–Tues 19th Scholastic Book Fair

Wed 27th School photos (Shaun Ward)

Fri 29th–Fri 12th Easter holidays

APRIL 2024

Mon 15th Inservice day

Tues 16th School starts

MAY 2024

Mon 6th Holiday

Thurs 9th Parent Council meeting 6pm (all welcome)

JUNE 2024

Mon 3rd Parent contact

Wed 5th Parent contact

Thurs 27th School finishes 12 noon

Questions or queries? Then please get in touch...

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