

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Wednesday 6 th	£40 payment for Lockerbie due today.
Tuesday 12 th	Home-link jotters sent home for signing.
Thursday 14 th	Drop in afternoon for P1 parents (1.30pm-3pm).
Friday 22 nd	HOLIDAY
Monday 25 th	HOLIDAY
Thursday 28 th	P6 Swimming lessons at the Lagoon (details to follow).

October

Monday 2 nd	Gleniffer staff in to speak with P7 pupils and parents (6.30pm).
Wednesday 4 th	£40 payment for Lockerbie due today.
Thursday 5 th	P6 Swimming lessons at the Lagoon.
Monday 9 th	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm). Home-Link jotters sent home today for signing.
Thursday 12 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings (3.30pm - 8.30pm).
Friday 13 th	STAFF IN SERVICE DAY
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th	MID TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 23 rd	Pupils return to school.
Thursday 26 th	Open evening for P7 parents and pupils at Gleniffer High (6.30pm). P6 to Stirling Castle.
Friday 27 th	Harvest Service (9.45am) P4 and P5 parents invited to attend.
Monday 30 th	Hallowe'en Disco (details to follow).

If you want clarification or wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Maclean

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Head Teacher

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Comments/Suggestions:

Name:.....

Child's Name.....Class.....



Langcraigs Big News



Newsletter 1
September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope that you all had a pleasant summer break and it is good to see that all our pupils have returned safe and well. Everyone has made a good start in their new classes and I hope that this will prove to be another productive, rewarding and enjoyable year for everyone connected with Langcraigs Primary School.

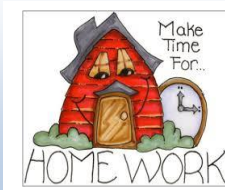
Staffing

- We welcome a number of new staff members on to our team this year. Our new class teachers are: Miss Gilchrist (P2), Miss Loughlin (P4/5) and Mrs Burns (P6A). Our new classroom assistants are: Mrs Lenihan, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Rich. They have all settled in well and are already working hard to enhance the learning experiences of our pupils.
- Mrs Hill will be off school from 6th September for a few months due to a planned operation. We all wish her well for a full and quick recovery and we hope to see her again before Christmas.



Homework

By now, you should have been issued with details about your child's homework plan for this session. As homework is an integral part of learning and teaching, I would ask you to encourage your child to complete their homework as per the teacher's guidelines. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to complete homework due to your child taking part in an evening event or activity, however please be aware that, on occasions like this, children can attend the lunchtime homework club, where they can complete their homework for that evening.



Home-link Jotters

As part of our efforts to inform you of how your child is progressing at school, on selected days throughout the school year, your child will complete all their written work for that particular day in their home-link jotter. This will be sent home to let you see what they are doing in school and the standard of work which they are producing. To make this really worthwhile, it is **really important that you (and your child) make a comment about that day's work using the 'comment slip'** which you'll find stapled into the jotter. By doing this, you are actively supporting your child's learning. Thank you.

Speech & Language Therapy

After a successful pilot, Speech & Language therapy are offering a new service for children living in Renfrewshire from 1st September.

They are offering 'drop in' sessions for parents who want information and advice about their child's communication development. These sessions take place at a variety of locations across Renfrewshire, at least once a month.

If you would like more information about these drop in clinics, please contact Mrs Hill.

Annual Data Forms

You were recently sent home an envelope containing an annual data form, a general consent form and a photography consent form.

We would be grateful if you haven't already returned these that you do so as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we have the correct up to date telephone numbers etc in case we need to contact you in an emergency. If you cannot find the forms, we are happy to provide you with a new copy of them.



Pupil Achievements

We are always interested in what our pupils get up to out with school and it is great to share their achievements with other pupils. Therefore, please continue to send your child in with any medals, trophies, certificates etc whereby we will take their photograph and add them to our 'Wider Achievement' wall, which is much admired in our entrance foyer.

School Meals

Please remember to apply for free school meals if you think you may be eligible, as some parents of pupils in P4-P7 are paying for school lunches when they don't have to. Forms can be obtained by visiting Renfrewshire House Customer Services Desk at Cotton Street, Paisley or by telephoning them on 0300 300 0300.

Please be reminded that all P1-P3 pupils receive free school meals and that those P4-P7 pupils who are not eligible for a free school meal have to pay £2.10 for a hot meal and £1.90 for a snack lunch.



Check the Bags!

Your evaluations have informed me that you find the information given out by the school to be a real strength. There are indeed many letters passed out over the course of the year and I would therefore ask that you check your child's bag on a daily basis as there have been several instances whereby parents have been unaware of certain events/activities because a school letter has been found at the bottom of a bag weeks after the event has taken place.



Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day but please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. Fizzy drinks /energy drinks should not be brought to school.



Pupil Equity Fund

You may be aware that the Scottish Government has given schools additional funding to assist with closing the poverty attainment gap and to raise standards generally across schools. This funding is known as the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). I wrote to you last February asking for your ideas as to how you felt the funding could be best used and I am pleased to say that I have included some of your ideas in our spending plan which is outlined below:

- Employ three additional classroom assistants
- Class trips to be free of charge for all pupils
- Extra curricular clubs to be free of charge for all pupils
- A class set of iPads and upgraded school WiFi
- New resources for support for learning
- A whole school programme for Grammar and Punctuation
- New reading books for class libraries
- Staff to provide homework/study clubs

As the school year progresses you will begin to see these initiatives being rolled out and more importantly, I hope that you will see your child's learning experience and progress being enhanced. The plan is not 'set in stone' and maybe adapted to meet the ever changing needs of our pupils, so if you have any further ideas/suggestions, then please don't hesitate to let me know.

By working together, we really can make a difference to our pupils – your children!



Extended Support Team (E.S.T) Meetings

As part of our ongoing Pupil Support monitoring procedures, we hold regular EST meetings in the school. The EST framework is widely used in schools across Renfrewshire and is a way of making effective use of the time of visiting professionals such as the Educational Psychologist. EST meetings usually run for a morning, every three to six weeks. Specific stages are discussed at each EST meeting, with each class having two EST opportunities in the course of the school year.

Class teachers refer children for discussion, usually about a specific aspect of their learning or personal and social development.



If your child is going to be discussed at an EST meeting, you will always be informed in advance by a letter. Please be assured that this is nothing to be concerned about; it is simply part of our ongoing support procedures to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all our pupils. Mrs Hill organises these meetings and she is happy to discuss the reason for a referral either before or after an EST meeting and you should not hesitate to contact her if you require further information.

