

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Monday 10th	Active Schools Clubs begin
Tuesday 11 th	Home-link jotters sent home today
Thursday 13 th	Open afternoon for P1 parents 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Monday 17 th	Pupil photographs being taken today (details to follow)
Thursday 20 th	P6s swimming lessons at the Lagoon (details to follow)
Friday 21 st	HOLIDAY
Monday 24 th	HOLIDAY
Thursday 27 th	P6s swimming lessons at the Lagoon

October

Monday 8th	Home-link jotters sent home today Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm)
Thursday 11 th	Teacher/Parent Meetings (3.30pm - 8.30pm)
Monday 15 th - Friday 19th	OCTOBER HOLIDAY
Monday 22 nd	IN-SERVICE DAY
Tuesday 23 rd	Pupils return to school
Monday 29 th	Flu vaccinations for pupils

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 Primary

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News

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 teachers are: Miss McLennan (P2), Miss Wheeler (P6B) and Miss Mitchell (support for learning). We also welcome Mrs Robertson to the office who replaces Mrs Bruce. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lenihan (classroom assistant for P2 & P2/3), who will be leaving us on Friday 7th September. Mrs Lenihan has been a wonderful asset to our school and she has played an important role in the development of our younger pupils. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new post. Mrs Lenihan's position will be filled in due course.




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**

	<p>the jotter. By doing this, you are actively supporting your child's learning. Thank you.</p>
<p>Primary 7 Ceilidh</p>	<p>In order to give our P7 pupils and parents as much notice as possible our year end ceilidh will take place on Thursday 20th June at the new time of 6.30pm - 8.30pm.</p>
<p>Annual Data Forms</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Pupil Achievements</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>School Meals</p> 	<p>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 £2.25 for a hot meal and £2.05 for a snack lunch.</p>
<p>Check the Bags</p> 	<p>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.</p>
<p>Water Bottles</p>	<p>Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day but please remind your child to bring a water bottle to school. <u>Fizzy drinks /energy drinks should not be brought to school.</u></p>
<p>Text Messages</p>	<p>On occasions e.g. where we have to share information very quickly, a text may be sent out. Therefore, as mentioned above, please ensure that the school has an up to date mobile number for your child's main point of contact.</p>

This Year's School Plans

Every year the school works towards achieving the targets set out in our School Improvement Plan (SIP), which is derived from our own evaluations, the feedback from parent and pupils and from Government/Council priorities. This is also the second year of Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) funding, which is additional monies given to schools to assist with closing the poverty related attainment gap and raising the standards generally across the school.

Below is an outline of our SIP and PEF plans for this year. A more detailed document is available at the school office or you can view it on the school website.

SIP Priorities - Moderation of Reading; Development of Listening and Talking; Development of P1-P3 SEAL Maths, Development of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Outdoor Learning and Development of a Whole School Anti-Bullying Policy.

PEF Priorities - Employment of additional Classroom Assistants, Supported Study Clubs, P7 - S1 Cluster Transition Teacher, New Reading Resources, New Maths Resources, Free Educational Trips, Free Active School's Clubs, Free Breakfast Club, Mindfulness sessions for P5 - P7 pupils, upgrade some PCs.

Active School Clubs

These clubs, which are completely free, will begin on Monday 10th September. Please sign up your child by logging on to the school website and following the appropriate links.

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.