

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Harvest Service (9.45am) - P5 Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Home-link jotters sent home for signing £40 deposit for P6/P7 Lockerbie trip due today
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Swimming Lessons at the Lagoon
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Photographer in to take class photos
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mary, Queen of Scots performance (2pm) - P4 & P4/5 parents invited to attend (details to follow)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P6 swimming lesson at the Lagoon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting (6.15pm - 7.00pm) P1 & P1/2 visiting Glenburn Library
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Final swimming lessons at the Lagoon for P6

### December

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Flu vaccination programme
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Home-link jotters sent home today for signing
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fayre (1.15pm) Active schools clubs stop today
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P3 Nativity 10.00am / 1.30pm performances
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Disco
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Panto for pupils in school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Service (pupils/staff only) P1 & P2 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day P6 to Sky Studios in Livingston SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2.30PM

### January

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school
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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*

Graeme Maclean  
Head Teacher



Comments/Suggestions:

Name:.....

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


# Langcraigs Primary

## Newsletter November 2019



# New

Dear Parent/Guardian

<p>OUR VISION</p> <p>OUR VALUES</p> <p>OUR MOTTO</p>	<p>I hope that you all had a good October break. As we move into the second half of our first term, I thought that it would be appropriate to remind everyone of our vision, values and motto, as they are at the core of everything we teach and strive to achieve with our pupils.</p> <p>To provide all of our pupils with a range of experiences which will equip them with the skills and knowledge required to meet the challenges they will face throughout their lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Honesty</li><li>• Respect</li><li>• Responsibility</li><li>• Compassion</li><li>• Effort</li></ul> <p>'Onwards and Upwards'</p>
<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>In order for all our pupils to achieve their full potential, it is vitally important that they attend school every day. Obviously there are occasions (e.g. illness) when absence is unavoidable but I would ask that you do everything possible to make sure that your child attends and is punctual for school. <b>Keeping children off because it is their birthday is not a valid reason for absence.</b> Last session we had 21 pupils who achieved 100% attendance throughout 2018/2019 and all of them received a personal letter from myself during the summer holidays to congratulate them on their achievement. It would be wonderful if I had many more letters to write this year.</p>
<p>Parents' Meetings</p>	<p>I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our recent parents' meetings on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings are always so important in terms of sharing information between the school and parents. It was also great to see so many pupils sitting in with their</p>



**PARENT MEETING**

parents, as this is something I am trying to encourage. As always, I am keen for attendance at these meetings to be as high as possible and below is a table outlining the number of pupils who had someone representing them on the night. The overall attendance rate equals our best ever total, so well done and thank you.

P1A	P1B	P2	P2/3	P3	P4	P4/5	P5	P6A	P6B	P7A
100%	95%	93%	91%	92%	93%	100%	83%	83%	96%	96%

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE RATE - 93%**

If you were unable to attend these meetings, you will have received another appointment letter.

**Pupil Targets**



As part of our strategy to empower pupils in their own learning and encourage them to always achieve more, all pupils have their own targets which they are working towards each day. It is important that our pupils know what they need to do to improve and we try to give them opportunities to discuss this in class and in conversation with their teacher, who is constantly assessing their progress. Try asking your child about their targets at home and see if you can help reinforce these targets when they are doing homework.

**Moderation**

As part of this year's School Improvement Plan, teachers will be focussing on moderating pupils' Writing and Maths works. Teachers will jointly plan certain pieces of work, implement them in their respective classes and then jointly assess these pieces of work. Langcraigs staff will work on this together for Writing and we also plan to implement this model for some pieces of Maths work with our cluster colleagues on the February In-service day. By moderating pupils' work, we aim to develop a shared understanding of standards and expectation across attainment levels.

**Wider Achievement Assemblies**



As we are keen to celebrate the successes and achievements of our pupils and to share their interests and hobbies outwith school, we will be asking willing pupils to tell us all about these things at some of our Monday assemblies, which may involve pupils bringing in their medals, trophies and certificates, football/netball/judo outfits etc to show to the other children. We also hope to share these in a wider context, so please look out for who our wider achievers are in future newsletters.

**Anti-Bullying Policy**



Sadly, bullying is a behaviour which takes place in society and indeed in schools from time to time. No school can ever promise that it will never happen, despite all the work we do with our pupils, but what we can do is have a clear set of guidelines which we can implement should the need arise.

Last year, a school working group produced our Langcraigs Anti-Bullying Policy which you can view on our school website or you can ask for a hard copy at the school office.

## Citizenship Winners



Congratulations to the following pupils for displaying 'Good Manners' during the month of September:

P1 Tommie Robertson	P1/2 Jude Kerr
P2 Elliette Dock	P2/3 James Morris
P3 Rory Fraser	P4 Hannah Scott
P4/5 Chloe-Louise Black	P5 Dannii McQueen
P6 Taylor Adams	P6/7 Ciaran Higginson
P7 Fraser Henderson	

## Head Boy Report



Hello, my name is Alan McNally and I am so proud to be awarded the Head Boy role for Langcraigs Primary School.

Getting awarded with Head Boy was something that I never imagined since Primary One.

I think this privilege is for me. I think I will do really well with the duties that await ahead of me. So far I have been involved in various meetings with Mr Maclean and my fellow Head Pupils, and I have also been involved in Parents' Night.

When I was awarded with Head Boy, my family were so proud of me, and I can't wait for the duties that lie ahead of me.

## Some Reminders

- If you receive a text from the school, please do not send a reply as we don't get any notification and your text will not be seen by office staff.
- Please remember to always phone the office if your child is absent from school and do not ask an older sibling to pass on the message, as they often forget to do so.
- If your child has an appointment or planned absence, please report this to the **school office** in person, in writing or by telephone.