



# Law Primary School & Nursery Newsletter

**March**



## School Motto: **In happiness we strive to learn**

Please note that we **will no longer be able to accept paper £10 notes**. This is due to their withdrawal on Thursday, 1st March. Any old notes sent into school will be returned.

### **Lockerbie Manor, September 2018 (current P6):**

Please note the deadline for making payments by instalments has now passed. A letter advising you of the outstanding balance will be issued shortly. You can make a payment at any time by sending the money and payment card to our school office.

### **After school clubs:**

If your child is unable to attend any sessions, please inform their class teacher or school office before 3pm. We are unable to release children from clubs prior to 4pm if we have not had parental/ carer consent. This is to ensure the safety of your children.

### **Staffing:**

After 14 years of service, we are soon to say goodbye to Mrs. P Allan, on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Allan will be a familiar face/ voice to you all as she is one of our dedicated team who take your calls and greets you if you come into school. Mrs Allan has been successful in obtaining a new job out with South Lanarkshire Council and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well. She will be a great loss to our team with so many years' experience.

We would like to welcome Mrs K. Wheatley and Mrs H. Wilson to our team of support staff.

### **Communication:**

[www.law-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.law-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### **Help us deliver a more sustainable service; go 'Paperless!'**

As previously intimated, it is our intention to publish much shorter newsletters as we update information on the school website on a more regular basis. Also, it has come to our attention that some of you who receive emailed copies of the newsletters are having difficulty opening attachments and in some cases, don't seem to be receiving the emails at all. With this in mind, we intend to stop emailing out newsletters after the current issue as you will be able to access all emails from the website in 'pdf' format. This newsletter will be issued in paper to all families to ensure that everyone receives this notification.

We now have over 60 followers to our Twitter Feed, @LawPrimarySLC . If you have not already tried this, please check us out soon. You will have to request to follow us as the site is currently closed to outsiders. As we become more confident in our use, this may change in the future.



Parent/ carers who currently receive paper copies of our newsletter will continue to do so. Please let the school office know if you want to change to a paper copy or no longer wish to receive a paper copy.



### Active Schools

Children are currently benefitting from multi-sports for P1-2, Tae Kwando sessions for Nursery to P3 pupils and our 'Wake-up Club' for P3-5 pupils.

The first football tournament of the new year was postponed due to the severe weather as was the Clydesdale Cross Country event. This has been move to Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at Lanark Racecourse. We hope that the planned fixtures will be able to get back to normal soon.



Mrs McCann and our Active Schools co-ordinator, Fiona Woods, recently applied for a nomination to the Clydesdale Sports Council, I am delighted to say that we have been successful in receiving a nomination for Sports School of the Year. The awards are to be announced at the Council's dinner and award ceremony on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck everyone.



### Winter Weather

Thank you for your patience during our recent snowy weather, with school closures, changes to our lunch menus and ice and snow in the car park. Can I respectfully remind everyone to take extra care when dropping children off in the car park or nearby to the school. The local area can become very congested so please be aware of pedestrians and other road users.

From time to time, it is necessary for us to close our car park to service users. We apologise for any inconvenience but hope that you realise that this is done in respect of safety to you and your children.

### PTA Meetings & Events

It's that time of year again.....**Party Time.**

The children will have seen the posters in school and you might have seen the information on the school website. But in case you haven't, here are the details. We are having an Easter Party on the **27<sup>th</sup> March**. It is £2.50 per child; this includes a goody bag.

P1-3 - 6.15-7pm  
P4-7- 7.15-8pm



Please note tickets are on sale on the night and all children must be collected by an adult. Please enter by the main door and collect your child from the fire exit next to Room 1, children will be released one class at a time to save confusion.

**Dates for your diary:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018: Family Quiz Night in Law Bowling Club**
- 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018: Fundraising Bag Pack at ASDA, Newmains**
- 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Carluke Gala Day** (our theme is Winter Olympics)
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018: Summer Fayre**

More information about these events will follow shortly.

Please note that the **next meeting of the PTA** is on: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm – 7.30pm, in school



**Nursery: Stay, Play and Learn**

Please sign up in the nursery for Stay, Play and Learn sessions. These have been very well attended in the past and we look forward to welcoming you in to the nursery to have some fun and see how you can support your child's learning.

**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Room 10's Assembly</b>	Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am
<b>Chicks for Guide Dogs for the Blind on sale at 50p each</b>	From Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Nursery Stay, Play &amp; Learn Week</b>	See Nursery Info. board for exact times and days
<b>Lockerbie Manor Info. Evening (P7s)</b>	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm
<b>Open Morning: 9.30-10.25am</b>	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
<b>Lockerbie Fundraising Raffle</b>	Tickets on sale from 26 <sup>th</sup> March, raffle drawn on the 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>School Closes 2.30pm</b>	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>School Reopens</b>	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Room 8's Assembly</b>	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am
<b>Room 9's Assembly</b>	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am
<b>Room 3's Assembly</b>	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am
<b>Room 4's Assembly</b>	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am

Please check the website for all other dates.

## ACHIEVEMENT SUPPLEMENT

<p><b>Aaron Barr</b>          Has completed his first SLLC Super 7 Cyclo Cross race.  <b>Well done Aaron, keep it up!</b></p>
<p>If your child has completed a special event, taken part in a competition or had a personal achievement, please ask the school office for a form to notify us. We can then add it to the newsletter and our wider achievement wall, in school.</p>

## **Year of Young People 2018**

As part of its themed years programme, the Scottish Government has made 2018 the Year of Young People. A global first, the Year of Young People 2018 will provide a platform to showcase the personalities, talents and achievements of Scotland's young people. Some of the ways Law Primary and Nursery pupils are contributing are listed below alongside the themes related to YOYP 2018:

- To celebrate this, South Lanarkshire Council has organised an event on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March and our choir has been asked to sing. Theme 6: *Culture –celebrating young people's talent and contribution to Scottish culture and arts.*
- Our P6s from Room 10 will be contributing to making Law a greener place when they help Law Community Trust plant trees adjacent to the school on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March Theme 5: *Enterprise and Regeneration – celebrating young people's role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live*
- Our nursery pupils plan their learning alongside the adults in the nursery they help decide on themes for their learning and take decisions about how they will learn through our free flow approach Theme 2: *Education – creating a stronger role for young people in shaping their learning*
- Our House and Vice Captains wrote to the PTA requesting funds to enhance the pupils' experiences in the playground and during wet play. They used the £300 donated to purchase equipment and games which will be used by all pupils Theme 1: *Participation – looking at how young people can influence public services and decisions which affect their lives*
- The Pupil Council, inspired by the First Minister's Reading Challenge, have undertaken a project with the aim of encouraging more people in the upper stages of the school to read for enjoyment. Representatives noted that the library areas were underused and not very inspiring. Following discussion, it was decided that the library should have a forest theme which could be adapted to fit the seasons. Pupils were involved in selecting the new furniture and resources. They felt it was important to create a welcoming, calm environment so chose comfortable, adaptable seating and a reading den to facilitate quiet space and escapism! Classes will be involved in decorating and personalising the space. The Pupil Council Reps. also consulted with their classes on favourite books, genres and authors before purchasing new reading materials to supplement existing resources. They also plan to start a reading club at break times to further promote reading for enjoyment and have plans for world book day which include competitions, storytellers and book swaps. Theme 1: *Participation – looking at how young people can influence public services and decisions which affect their lives* and Theme 2: *Education – creating a stronger role for young people in shaping their learning*

This is just a snapshot of how we are making a difference to the lives and education of our children. We hope that you enjoyed reading about them.

### **Parent Pay**

ParentPay is a web based application that provides a facility for parents to pay online for school meals, trips, uniform etc. The system was introduced as a pilot in Education Resources in 2015 in the establishments below. The Council is proposing to introduce the system to all schools in South Lanarkshire by the end of 2019 and Law Primary have been selected for the next set of schools to join this system. Please check out their website for more information and to register your bank details.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>