



Law Primary School Newsletter

January



School Motto: In happiness we strive to learn

Adverse Weather

Thank you to everyone for their patience during the snowy weather last week. I am sure that you will understand that it was a challenge for many schools to open during the adverse weather, especially when staff are travelling from all over South Lanarkshire. We understand that it can be frustrating not knowing whether the school will be able to open coupled with the uncertainty of possible early closures.

Several parents have mentioned that they did not receive Text Messages until late in the day. I am sorry if this has been your experience. Text Messages are sent out using our automated system to the nominated contact, we are able to check if these messages have been sent and also if they have been acknowledged. From our records, we could be sure that almost all families had acknowledged receipt of their text.

Please be assured that we will not dismiss any children without a responsible adult being at school to collect them. If necessary, a member of staff would stay with any children still to be collected, to ensure their safety. Where a family has not acknowledged receipt, we would make every effort to contact you.

Of course, social media can be a force for good in these situations and news sometimes travels faster between friends. I am sure that you can appreciate that we could not individually phone nearly 200 families.

If you would like a grandparent or other emergency contact to be nominated to receive text messages, please contact the school office. Sometimes, for working parents, this is more convenient as you may be unable to check your phone whilst at work.

Please always check South Lanarkshire's website, Twitter feed and Facebook for updates. We are not permitted to Tweet closures as this is reserved as a responsibility for Head Quarters. We do however appreciate that these systems are not always full proof.

Yours sincerely

Kirstin McNeill
Head Teacher

Communication

On Friday, Freddie in Room 4 and Cameron in Room 6 (winners of the website competition) helped launch our updated website. We hope that you will enjoy looking at the photographs and reading about what children are learning. It is our intention to publish shorter newsletters from now on as we will be updating the website regularly with current information and news. Back issues of newsletters will also be available along with a calendar of events which you will be able to print off or synch. to your phone for the most up to date list of events.

Lloyd and Craig, in the nursery, will be launching the nursery webpage during this week. It can be accessed via the school website.

www.law-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

We now have over 50 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.



Active Schools

Children are currently benefitting from rugby sessions for P4-7 and multi-sports for P3 with P1-2 having a block of 5 weeks in the near future. We will also be having Tae Kwando sessions for Nursery to P3 pupils and our 'Wake-up Club' will be starting up again soon for P3-5 pupils.

Our senior pupils experienced success at the recent Clydesdale Sportshall Athletics event. The team will be representing Clydesdale schools alongside Crawforddyke Primary at the South Lanarkshire finals in February. Well done.

The first football tournament of the new year will take place early in February and our Netball Team have also been actively taking part in local festivals. The Badminton Club will also be receiving details of an event they can enter on the 17th of February.

With all of this activity, Mrs McCann and Mrs McNeill are working with our Active Schools co-ordinator towards applying for the Sports Scotland Gold Award. Good luck everyone.

Four P7 boys took part in the first Chess Tournament of this session, on Thursday 25th January. All four boys won their first round and acquitted themselves well in the second round. Well done Euan, Jamie, Alastair and Euan.

PTA Meetings

Please note that the next meeting of the PTA is on:

Monday 5th February 2018 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm, in school



Dates for your Diary

Room 5's Assembly	Friday, 2 nd February at 9.30am
Room 7's Assembly	Friday, 16 th February at 9.30am
Room 10's Assembly	Friday, 16 th March at 9.30am
Open Morning: 9.30-10.25am	Thursday, 22 nd March
Room 8's Assembly	Friday, 27 th April at 9.30am
Room 9's Assembly	Friday, 11 th May at 9.30am
Room 3's Assembly	Friday, 18 th May at 9.30am
Room 4's Assembly	Friday, 8 th June at 9.30am

Please check the website for all other dates.

ACHIEVEMENT SUPPLEMENT

Adam Burnside

Every day, faithfully, Adam comes home from school and does 3-4 pages of additional English and Maths. At the end of each page, he has a test to ensure that he has understood this, he need 90% to pass. To date, Adam has completed a total of 46. His parents are so proud of his achievements. Adam has received a certificate.

Well done Adam, keep it up!

Freddie Gilhaney

Congratulations to Freddie for winning the Website Competition with his design of a rocket to launch our new website.

Well done Freddie!

Cameron Weir

Congratulations to Calum for winning the Website Competition with his acrostic poem promoting our website.

Great job Cameron!

Lauren Burnside

Every day, faithfully, Lauren comes home from school and does 3-4 pages of additional English and Maths. At the end of each page, she has a test to ensure that she has understood this, she need 80% to pass. To date, Lauren has completed a total of 44 books. Her parents are so proud of her achievements. Lauren has received a certificate.

Well done Lauren, keep it up!

School Lunches

In order to try to increase the uptake in school lunches, the catering management team have proposed a series of taster sessions for pupils with packed lunches. From next week, catering staff will offer children having packed lunches the opportunity to try different meals from the current menu. We hope that this will help pupils to make informed choices about what new foods they would like to try.

School Travel Plan

Our school travel plan is due for renewal as it is several years since this was last done. This is intended to set out measures and best practice regarding travel arrangements for both staff and pupils and to help promote a sustainable transport.

The first part of this update is to survey, parents, staff and pupils on their methods of travel and to ascertain the likely take-up of sustainable travel methods in order that we can develop a plan which takes account of local issues.

Please complete the Parent Questionnaire using the link below or by completing the attached paper copy. All questionnaires should be completed by Friday, 9th February. Paper copies should be returned to school by then. Late returns will, unfortunately, not be recorded.

Once the results have been collated, the Junior Road Safety Officers will look at how we can support and promote alternative travel methods to ease congestion in the morning and afternoon and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Survey link: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=138909398715>

Thank you for your support.

School Closure Guidelines

- Children and Teachers go to classes.
- Teacher sends up-to-date register to the office.
- A school closure text is sent by the office to the Parent/Carer.
- The adult collecting a child must report to the office first and a member of the Support Team will collect the child from the classroom.
- No parent/carer should collect a child directly from the class.
- Children must only leave the school accompanied by a responsible adult.
- If emergency contact or parents are unavailable, children will be supervised until alternative arrangements can be made.