



Law Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter

August

2017

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holiday. It is fantastic to see all the children back looking so well and rested, ready for the session ahead! It is also super to see all of our children in their school uniform and PE uniform. We will be encouraging them to wear school uniform throughout the year as this promotes a sense of belonging. I would like to use this opportunity as a gentle reminder that **all** children require indoor shoes which should be left in school. Children change into these when they enter the building and many also use these shoes for PE. Some pupils prefer to bring trainers for PE, this is fine as long as they are clean. I am sure that you will appreciate that if children wore trainers which were wet or dirty from being outdoors, we would very soon have an unsafe environment for PE activities. If your child does wear their trainers outdoors, then please ensure that they clean the soles the evening before their PE day, removing any dirt and stones, then bring these in their bag for use on their PE days.

We encourage pupils to bring in water for consumption throughout the day, a filled bottle should be provided each morning. Drinking water is known to have a positive impact on wellbeing; helping us to stay hydrated which is very important for good brain function. In line with local and national policies, we ask that only plain water is sent into school for consumption in class. Of course, pupils can have juice or flavoured water at lunchtime in their packed lunches. (No fizzy drinks are permitted during the school day, including on excursions.) Plain water is also available to all pupils at lunchtime in the cafeteria and, should your child forget their water bottle, they will have access to a cup of water in their class or at the office when in the gym hall.

We hope you find this newsletter informative, but please feel free to contact us at any time should you require further information.

In this edition, you will find a list of key dates, including the school holidays for session 2017-18. Please keep checking the schoolbag post for further newsletters and information throughout the year. I would like to make a special plea at this point: every session we spend valuable resources sending out reminders about permission slips and other forms which have not been returned. This is very time consuming and takes support staff away from supporting children's educational progress and other duties. It would be very helpful if you could return these forms immediately after they have been issued. Of course, things can get lost or misplaced, but we will be trying to reduce the number of times we send out reminders during the school year and I would like to ask for your support in this matter.

Thank you,

Kirstin McNeill
Head Teacher



Staffing

Staffing this session remains broadly the same as last. However, we have been joined by Mrs Natalie Currie as Acting Depute Head Teacher and we are currently recruiting Early Years Practitioners to replace Mrs Martucci and Mrs McLaughlan who are both on secondment. Mrs Currie will be taking on the same roles and responsibilities as Mrs Jessimer. Therefore, if your child is in the Nursery or Primary 1-3, you should contact Mrs Currie, in the first instance, if you require to speak to one of the management team.



Thank you

The staff have asked me to convey their thanks for all the generous gifts they received from parents/carers at the end of last session.

Law's Pupil Elections

Once again, election fever has hit Law over the past few days as the children enter into the campaign period to elect the new Pupil Council members for Primary 3-7 and the House Captains and Vice-Captains from P7 for 2017-18. We have had a slight change in the format for these elections, with Primary 7 pupils being interviewed by senior management for roles as House and Vice Captains. This has given candidates the opportunity to practice skills for learning, life and work. The standard of interviewee's presentations was extremely high, so much so that we have agreed to find the unsuccessful candidates further roles and responsibilities during the school year.



The House and Vice-Captains are as follows:

Brownlie House Captain: **Abigail Graham** Vice-Captain **Jamie Patterson**

Mauldslie House Captain: **Euan Smith** Vice-Captain **Grace Henderson**

Milton House Captain **Alistair Forman** Vice-Captain **Catriona Glennie**

Pupil Council members will be announced at the end of this week.

Primary 1 Parent/Carer Workshop

It is wonderful to see our new intake settling into school. We would like to invite our **new P1 parents/carers to a curriculum information evening on Thursday 31st August at 6.30pm**. At this meeting we will provide information on our Literacy and Numeracy learning at Law and give some helpful hints and tips about how you can support your child's learning at home and in homework activities.



Meet the Parents

Please come along and support parental engagement by finding out how our parents have supported us in past sessions. At this informal evening, you will be able to speak to our current PTA members and find out from school staff how the funds raised by you have helped facilitate a range of educational experiences and resources. We will also share our ideas for moving forward with parent's groups this session and ask for your ideas on how we can better work together to continue to improve our establishment. This evening session is open to all of our parents from the nursery and school and we hope that it will help you understand the role parents and carers can play in developing relationships and school improvement. It may even inspire some new faces to become involved.

Please come along on Monday, 4th September, between 6 and 7pm in the Cafeteria. Refreshments will be available.



We have some excellent parent/carer helpers at Law. Some people give freely of their time to provide valuable support for our children and school. This session we hope to welcome our regulars back and also recruit more help.

- If you are able to accompany our children on any visits out of the school, then please contact the office to provide the days/times you would be available to help.
- If you are able to provide an extra-curricular club at lunch-times or after school this would extend the variety of options, we would be able to provide for the children.

If you are interested in volunteering for the first time please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone: 01698 350816 or, by e-mail: gw14lawoffice@glow.sch.uk we'd love to hear from you!

Please note that all volunteers who wish to work in schools must become a member of the PVG scheme. Please contact the school office for more information on this.



Annual Data Checks

Every session we have to check that we have all the correct and up to date information for parent/carer and emergency contacts. The data checks are enclosed. Please ensure that you return this to school by Friday, 8th September, ensuring that you sign both pages even if there are no changes to be made. Please also remember to inform the school if you change your contact numbers, mobile phone or emergency contact during the session.

I hope as many people as possible will sign up for our email communication system. This would help save some trees and some money! If your e-mail address is provided we will send future newsletters to you electronically.

Please note that, where we already have an e-mail address for you, we will continue to send newsletters electronically. If you would like a paper copy instead, please contact the school office to inform us of this.

Medical Forms

At this point in the session we update all our medical records to ensure we have the most accurate and up to date information for each child. To assist us with this please complete and return the enclosed medical form along with the data check. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



If your child requires medicines to be taken during the school day after a period of illness, we do require that you complete an administration of medicines consent form, these are available from the school office. Please note only prescribed medicines can be given in school.

Labels

Can we ask you to ensure your child's belongings are labelled, e.g. jackets, packed lunch boxes etc. There are many similar, if not identical items, so a label helps them and us to keep track of their belongings.



Absences

You can help us tremendously by letting us know as soon as possible if your child is absent from school. Please note that if we have not heard from you we will send a text message asking you to let us know the reason for your child's absence.

Can I also ask that on your child's return to school, following a period of absence, that a note is provided for the class teacher. This is necessary even if you have telephoned while your child was off as we require this information for our records.

All of these procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of our children and I thank you in advance for your co-operation with these.



Safety First

For Health & Safety reasons **jewellery should not be worn on gym days**. If you cannot remove your child's earrings, please provide him/her with plasters to cover them.



Insurance

Consent forms (Appendix 3s) are issued by the school to parents/carers to gain permission for pupils to take part in any educational excursion. Appendix 3s are used for day excursions/visits and relate to any activity which involves pupils away from the school. The consent form refers to insurance cover being provided. This policy is for travel and personal accident insurance. South Lanarkshire Council reviews this annually and a summary of this is attached for your information. The same insurance policy is used for all educational excursions, simply to avoid repeated duplication. A copy of this will **NOT** be issued along with each Appendix 3. We should therefore ask parents/carers to retain the enclosed summary for future information. If at any time you would like a further copy, please contact the school office and this will be sent to you.

Improvement Priorities for Session 2017-18

Every session we write a school improvement plan. This helps us to continue to move forward in a strategic and focused way. The key outcome is to ensure we are providing the best possible learning experiences and opportunities for our children. Here are our main priorities for this session:

- improve consistency of learning and teaching in Literacy and Numeracy across Law Primary and Nursery Class through a focus on assessment, feedback and pupil engagement
- implement and embed a strategic approach to improve wellbeing, equality and inclusion
- audit existing practice in the use of ICT and Technologies and develop new approaches including ways to support closing the attainment gap
- develop leadership of learning at all levels including promoting teacher professionalism, self-evaluation and Career Long Professional Learning for all staff

We will also continue working with all establishments in the Carluke Learning Community to develop moderation practices with a focus on numeracy and maths.



We will shortly be sending home a summary of our Standards and Qualities Report. Please look out for this as it will provide you with further information on progress made in school improvement priorities and also on how pupils are performing related to national and local data. In the meantime, I am pleased to report that pupils at Law Primary School and Nursery Class continue to perform at least as well, and in most cases far better than many other schools both nationally and locally. The main data used reflects attainment measured at the end of P1, P4 and P7 in all areas of literacy and English and numeracy and maths.

This reflects well on the professional actions of all staff across the establishment but also in the support given by you as parents and carers and the hard work of pupils. We hope to build on this in coming sessions and develop even stronger relationships across our wider community.



Chaplaincy Team

Our chaplaincy team for this session remains the same as last session. Alex Kelly, Christian Youth Worker will provide support during religious observance (RO) events including attending RO assemblies and supporting in class if appropriate. Mrs Hinshelwood and Miss Brown will continue to run our Scripture Union Clubs for children who sign up to attend and have parental/ carer permission.

There is a statutory provision for parents to withdraw children from participation in religious observance. This right of parents' wishes will be respected. Please put any request to withdraw your child in writing, addressed for the attention of the Head Teacher. Parent/ Carers of children withdrawn last session need not reapply.

Road Safety

It is vital that we have everyone's co-operation in ensuring our car park is a safe place for our children. Please park only in designated bays when dropping off and collecting your child. Please also consider parking out with the school car park and walking all or part of the journey to help ease congestion. The area in front of the infant playground should remain clear at all times as this is our emergency access point. Please also **turn off your engine** when waiting for children in the school car park to help maintain air quality for our service users.

Our JRSO representatives will be appointed from Rooms 9 and 10. They will work together to help raise awareness of this very important issue and other road safety initiatives. We will keep you up to date with their work throughout the school session.



Credit Union

P7 and Mrs Greer will re-launch the Credit Union on the 11th of September with collections being made **on Mondays** this session. If any children who are not already members wish to join, please see the office staff for an application form.



Holiday Weekend

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday 22nd September and Monday 25th September. School re-opens on Tuesday 26th September. I hope the children have an enjoyable break



Wider Achievement Wall

Thank you for your support in previous session for helping to build our Law Wider Achievement Wall. The children are enjoying seeing the wall being built brick by brick every time one of their achievements is put on. We are all very proud of their achievements and would welcome more to add to the wall. **Remember if your child has done something out with school which you feel deserves recognition please see the office for an achievement form.**



Homework at Law

Homework plays a crucial part in your child's education and helps establish good routines and a strong work ethic which is a valuable life skill. It helps to consolidate learning and also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to engage in discussions about their children's learning. We value your support in promoting the importance of homework.



Should you have any questions about your child's homework, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. If your question relates to the homework policy, please contact a member of the Senior Management Team by calling the school office.

Gym Days

Please note that most classes have an hour and a half gym session with Mrs McCann each week. Gym kit is only required for the session with Mrs McCann. There are some exceptions; Rooms, who have their gym session over two days (2 times 1 hour slots) should wear full gym kit unless otherwise advised by their class teacher. Class teachers will ensure that your child has a note of their gym days.



Going for Green

Law's positive behaviour system 'Going for Green' encourages pupils to aim for high standards in behaviour, work and effort in Law Primary - in class, in the playground, in the cafeteria and when representing Law as part of a team or on a class trip.

The system also encourages the children to follow our three basic school rules:

- **Do as you are asked**
- **Be kind, respectful and helpful**
- **Keep your hands and feet to yourself**

Many of our parents/carers are familiar with our system and last session we engaged with some parents, pupils and all staff to review our procedures to make sure they reflected everyone's views and continued to support better behaviour and therefore better learning. From this consultation, we made a few small changes which include going to a **four block** system of rewards. A copy of our 'Going for Green' leaflet for parents/carers has been issued with this newsletter so that you are aware of these changes and we hope you find it useful. Please note that we will only feedback to you when your child has reached yellow, red or black. Verbal warnings and reminders will not be noted in diaries as these are for minor misdemeanours where children have then improved their behaviour and require no further consequences.



Vision, Values and Aims

School Charter

As part of creating a shared vision of what parents/ carers, staff and pupils see as the priorities for Law Primary School and Nursery Class, we asked you about your values and what was most important to you. From this feedback it became clear that the majority of parent/ carers wanted an establishment where everyone felt welcomed and included, relationships were built on respect, trust and honesty and where children learned through enjoyable experiences in a happy environment.

Using this feedback and the Education Scotland framework for Health and Wellbeing, alongside South Lanarkshire's Making Rights Real resource, we have created a Charter of rights, responsible actions and respectful attitudes. A copy is included below.

We will be using this through class work, assemblies, information events and our Health and Wellbeing programmes to raise awareness (in pupils, parents/ carers, staff and the wider community) of how we can continue to develop an ethos where everyone can make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of each individual within the school and the community.

Our pupil focus group have made some valuable suggestions about how we can ensure that everyone is aware of our charter and its principles. They suggested that "**In happiness we strive to learn**" should become our school motto.

Law Primary School and Nursery Class Charter of Rights, Responsible Actions and Respectful Attitudes

Right to learn

Right to be safe

Right to be heard

Right to play

Achieving We will listen carefully, work hard and support each other to achieve	Nurtured We will look after ourselves and others	Active We will try our best in all we do, practising and sharing our talents
Healthy We will keep ourselves healthy by making good choices	In happiness we strive  to learn	Respected We will be respectful to ourselves and others so we can all enjoy our time together
Safe We will keep our school & nursery safe by being tidy and taking care as we move around	Included We will welcome and include everyone valuing what they say and do	Responsible We will follow the school rules, be honest and take responsibility for our actions

Building on the work done towards collating our shared values and developing our Charter, we have also revised our school Vision Statement:

We strive to create a happy learning environment where everyone is welcome and, by respecting the principles of our school charter, ensure that everyone is supported and challenged appropriately.

Look out for more information and opportunities to help us develop this further and to help us ensure that we continue to take account of your views, please complete the feedback slip at the end of this newsletter and return to school by Friday, 8th September.

School Lunches

Please note that all Primary 1, 2 and 3 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. We felt it may be useful to remind you of this in case you would like your child to benefit from this entitlement. School lunches are developed to be nutritionally balanced and to promote making healthy choices.



Meals for P4-7 pupils remain priced at £1.60 which represents very good value. We would respectfully ask that you ensure that children having paid school meals bring the correct amount to school on a daily basis. We do not have a budget to accommodate arrears and therefore we would ask you to settle these as soon as possible and not to let them build up over time. If you are having difficulties making payments, there may be help available to you through applying for a school clothing and free meals grant via the council's website: www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Gentle Reminders

As we begin a new term please note the following gentle reminders:

Can I remind you to check your child's hair for head lice on a fairly regular basis? The guidance suggests that parents/carers should aim to check their children's hair once a week during normal hair washing. Information leaflets with useful advice and guidance are available in our school foyer. You can also access useful advice from www.onceaweektakeapeek.com. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further help.

I respectfully ask that you avoid taking your child out of school for holidays during term time. This can be very disruptive to your child's education as they miss valuable teaching input when they are absent. These absences are recorded as 'Unauthorised' (except in very exceptional circumstances). Work will not be provided during these absences (except for normal homework) but your child will be expected to catch up upon their return. There is a great deal of evidence which suggests that even short periods of absence can have a lasting effect upon children's attainment, even in later years.

Please note that **dogs are not permitted** on school grounds. Please leave your dog at home if at all possible or ensure that they remain outside of the school gate at drop off and collection times.

Please note that, if children are bringing scooters or bikes to school, they should dismount at the school gates and walk with their scooter/bike when in the school grounds. When leaving, they should walk their scooter/bike out and only get on it once out of the school gates. This is important for the health and safety of those in the playground. We will reiterate this rule to the children but would appreciate your support in reminding them of it.



Play Equipment

We are fortunate to have fixed outside play equipment at however, you will have noticed, that this is currently out of use. This is due to a recent safety check which highlighted some significant faults. We are currently looking into how we can get these repaired but in the meantime please **do not allow** children to play on the trim trail.



Lollipops and snacks containing nuts

In the interests of children's safety please do not provide lollipops as a snack or part of a packed lunch. As we have some children in school with nut allergies, can I ask you not to provide nut products as a snack or part of a packed lunch.



Thank you in advance for your support with all of the above.

Pound Coins – Urgent!

Please note that as the old style pound coins are being phased out, we will not be able to accept these after **9th October**, in order to allow us to bank any received before the deadline. Sorry for any inconvenience.

What will my child be working on in term 1

One of the excellent suggestions that came from our parent/carer discussion groups in previous years was to let parents/carers know what their child will be learning each term. We have taken this suggestion on board – please find below a list of what each class will be focusing on in Term 1 this session.

Room	What we are learning in Term 1
Nursery	The nursery children will be planning their contexts for learning with support from our Early Years Practitioners. This term we will be learning about babies and talking about relationships..
Room 1	Room 1 will be learning about how to make friends with Moby the Monster. They will be practising hearing, saying and writing letters and their sounds. They will also be learning about their body and their senses.
Room 2	Learning about Water in science, Hindu stories in RME and being safe and responsible in health and wellbeing.
Room 3	Learning about houses and homes from the past and also about different types of energy.
Room 4	Learning about Scottish castles. Also, to use and develop ICT skills to access information online. In science we will explore examples of food chains.
Room 5	Learning about Weather and Climate Around the World for our Social Studies topic. We will be learning about Sounds in Science and have started learning some basic yoga movements in PE. Room 5 will continue to learn new vocabulary in French as well as being introduced to the Spanish language.
Room 6	Learning all about The Vikings and we will be investigating Viking clothing, jewellery and weapons. We will also be learning about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita.
Room 7	We will be working on a country study of Japan. They will be comparing life in Japan to life here in Scotland. In Science, we will be looking at survival of plants and animals. We will be sorting animals into different categories and will be considering how plants and animals rely on each other to survive.
Room 8	Learning about the Spanish language and culture of Spain for Social Studies. In science, they will be given opportunities to explore light and sound through a variety of experiments.
Room 9	Learning all about The Victorians and Planet Earth as well as continuing with Spanish Language. In Literacy we are working through a class novel and developing our reading strategies. Numeracy sees us continue with Big Maths and multiplication and division.
Room 10	In science we will be learning about our solar system and beyond this term. Also, through the theme 'Titanic,' we will be comparing the lives of people in the past and how we live today.
Room 11	Primary 7 have settled very quickly & happily back into school life. They will be learning all about democracy this term and be given the opportunity to create their own parties, take part in an election and learn how our Scottish parliament works. In science they will be learning about the materials that make up the earth and how it is constructed.
In PE with Mrs McCann	PE will focus on developing ball skills through a variety of fun games and activities for P1-3 and netball and hockey for P4-7. Close attention will be given to building cognitive skills (using your brain) and physical competencies (using your body). As part of cognitive skill development we will be placing emphasis on decision making and problem solving through the ball games/activities. In order to assist development within physical competencies we will be concentrating on hand-eye coordination.

Bistro Cafe / Assemblies

Please find details below of the Bistro Cafe and Assembly dates and times for each class to allow you to make arrangements in advance. Please note that on occasion some dates may need to be re-arranged but we will try to give as much notice as possible of any changes.

Bistro Café Timetable - Session 2017-18

Class	Date	Time Slot
Nursery Stay and Play Sessions	19 th -21 st September	19 th & 21 st 9.00-9.40am and 1.00-1.40pm 20 th Morning only
Room 1	6 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 2	1 st Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 3	31 st Oct. 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 4	28 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 5	14 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 6	13 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 7	16 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 8	15 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 9	22 nd Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 10	7 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30
Room 11	29 th Nov 2017	9.30-10.30

Assembly Timetable 2017-18

Date	Class
10 th November	Room 6
15 th December	Infant Nativity Rooms 1+2
2 nd February	Room 5
16 th February	Room 7
16 th March	Room 10
23 rd March	Easter Assembly
27 th April	Room 8
11 th May	Room 9
18 th May	Room 3
8 th June	Room 4
22 nd June	Leaver's Assembly
28 th June	Nursery Summer Celebration

Nursery News

Welcome back!

The staff at Law Nursery would like to welcome all the boys and girls back after our Summer break. We hope you had a lovely summer! We have made some changes to our nursery routines and the children are settling in well to our new nursery life.

Here are the session times...

Morning children- drop off 8.45am

Pick up- 11.45am-11.55am

It is important that your child is collected by 11.55am

Afternoon children- drop off 1pm

Pick up- 4pm-4.10pm

It is important that your child is collected by 4.10pm

Welcome to our new children

Welcome to our new children who have started nursery this session. We are looking forward to getting to know lots of new friendly faces and hope they enjoy their forthcoming nursery experience!

We would also like to send our best wishes to the children who have moved into P1 classes. They all looked so smart and grown up in their uniforms on their first week! We wish them all the best for the future.

Welcome to our new staff

At the end of term, we said goodbye to Mrs McLaughlan and Mrs Martucci who have been seconded to other establishments for this session. We are currently waiting to be allocated two Early Years Practitioners who will take their place for the morning sessions, Monday to Friday. In the meantime we have been joined by Mrs MacPhail and Miss Booth. We also welcome Mrs Currie, Acting Depute Head Teacher, who will be taking on Mrs Jessimer's role in assisting with the management of the nursery class and co-ordinating Additional Support Needs.

Orange Group- Mrs Gunning

Blue Group- Mrs O'Shea and Mrs Kerr

Green Group- Mrs MacPhail

Yellow Group- Miss Cullen

Red Group- Mrs Kane and Mrs Simpson

Team Leader - Mrs Britton

Nursery Improvement

Through our self-evaluation process which supports our establishment development work, we have decided to make some changes to the way we plan learning across the nursery in order to blend a range of adult supported and child-initiated experiences. Our returning children and parents may already have noticed changes to the nursery environment. Over the coming weeks we will continue to work on these improvements, taking account of suggestions from the children, which will help ensure that all children have opportunities to learn through purposeful and spontaneous play which take account of their individual learning styles and preferences.

Our priorities for development this session remain closely aligned to those of the whole school but with a focus on areas specific to Early Learning and Childcare such as the implementation of the new Care Standard and the review of pupil profiles in order to take account of current guidance and legislation. We will also be involving you in further consultation on the implementation of the increased entitlement to funded Early Learning and Child Care places by 2020.

Thank You

The Nursery staff would like to say a special 'Thank You' to all the children, parents and carers for the many beautiful gifts we received at the end of term before the summer. We were completely overwhelmed by your generosity and would like you to know it is greatly appreciated.



Important information- Security Policy

On the signing in sheets can we remind the parent/carer, who drops the child off, to ensure they write the name of the adult who will be collecting the child that day. If this changes throughout the session, please inform the nursery as soon as possible to avoid any confusion or upset at pick up time. Our Welcome and Goodbye Policy reflect this guidance.

Please note that if an adult comes to collect the child who is not stated on the security sheet, other than mum/dad or main carer, the **staff member must phone parent/carer to check if consent is given to collect.**

Please help us to protect our children by ensuring that they do not open the entrance door at the nursery or press the exit button when leaving.

On entry to nursery please that your child is with you at all times. The school playground is usually busy with school pupils and their games, and little nursery children can be accidentally hurt if they wander off amongst the older children or stray too far from parents/carers.

Reminders

- A wee reminder for children to bring in spare clothes and to return any borrowed clothes to nursery. Spare clothes should be stored in their trays.
- Nursery gym day is on a **Wednesday** this session. Please ensure that children don't wear any jewellery to nursery on a gym day.
- Please note that pets are not permitted onto nursery/school grounds.
- Please note that, if children are bringing scooters or bikes to nursery, they should dismount at the school gates and walk with their scooter/bike when in the school grounds. Bikes and scooter can be left at the bike racks in the Senior playground next to the nursery or taken back home with a parent/carer. If nursery children are leaving nursery with bikes/scooters, they should walk their scooter/bike out and only get on it once out of the school gates. This is important for the health and safety of those in the playground. We will reiterate this rule to the children but would appreciate your support in reminding them of it.

Thank you in advance for your support with all of the above.

Lending Library

Our nursery lending library will begin again shortly. We are looking for a parent/carer to help run our lending library. Any volunteers please speak to a team member. Children and parents will choose a book to take home. A book review will also be included which we would encourage you to fill in with your child after they have read their story. We will send out a letter with more information when this will take place.



Topic Ideas

We are looking for ideas and suggestions from children, parents and carers to help us plan for our future topics. We value your input and believe that it is important to plan learning experiences which are interesting, motivating and engaging for the children. Please note any ideas and suggestions on our Ideas and Suggestions Tree situated at the entrance of the nursery. *Thank you for this.*

Our first topic has strong links to Health and Wellbeing and will be based around families and relationships. This topic was identified through the Early Years Practitioners observations of the children at play and through the children discussing families and new babies.

Outdoor Learning

As we love to learn outdoors, please try to make sure suitable clothing and footwear are worn. This way we can make the most of every opportunity. We are delighted to tell you that our outdoor learning sessions are already underway, these offer our children lots of opportunities to explore and discover their environment.



Thanks to a donation from the PTA, we have been developing a 'mud kitchen' area and other opportunities to learn in the outdoor play space.

Snack

Snack donations of 50p per day should, if possible, be handed in on Mondays – payment sheets will be allocated just inside the nursery room. Our snack menus are compiled and prepared to 'Setting the Table' care standards' guidelines. Our sample menus are displayed in the nursery foyer.



Help- junk wanted!

We are looking for small junk items such as yogurt pots, small boxes, plastic lids for our creative area. Please do not bring toilet rolls, egg boxes or milk cartons as we are not allowed to use these items.

Vision Statement

Please read the information in the Primary School section of the newsletter which contains an update on the establishment Vision, Values and Aims. These have been updated to reflect consultation with parents/ carers, pupils and all staff. The Nursery children will be working on their own version of the Charter in the coming weeks.

Holiday Dates



School holiday Dates Session 2017/2018

Break	Holiday dates		
First Term	Teachers return	Tuesday	15 August 2017
	Pupils return	Thursday	17 August 2017
September Weekend	Close	Thursday	21 September 2017
	Re-open	Tuesday	26 September 2017
October Break	Close on	Friday	13 October 2017
	Re-open	Monday	23 October 2017
In-service Day	Closed	Monday	20 November 2017
Christmas	Close on	Friday	22 December 2017
Second Term	Re-open	Monday	8 January 2018
February break	Close on	Friday	9 February 2018
In-service Day	Closed	Wednesday	14 February 2018
	Re-open	Thursday	15 February 2018
Spring break/Easter	Close on	Thursday	29 March 2018
	Re-open	Monday	16 April 2018
Third Term			
Local Holiday	Closed	Monday	7 May 2018
In-service Day	Closed	Tuesday	8 May 2018
Local Holiday	Close on	Thursday	24 May 2018
	Re-open	Tuesday	29 May 2018
Summer break	Close on	Thursday	28 June 2018

Notes

- Good Friday falls on Friday, 30 March 2018
- *Lanark schools will close 7 and 8 June 2018*
- Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2
- (Friday, 22 December 2017 and Thursday 29 March 2018)
- Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 (Thursday, 28 June 2018)

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 31 st August	P1 Parent/Carer Information Evening
Monday, 4 th September	Meet the Parents Event
Thursday 14 th September	P6 & P7 boys & girls football festival
Tuesday 19 th September	Nursery Stay & Play session (am & pm)
Wednesday 20 th September	Nursery Stay & Play session (am only)
Wednesday 20 th September	Viking Man to visit Room 6
Thursday 21 st September	Nursery Stay & Play session (am & pm only)
Wednesday 27 th September	School Photographer in school
Friday 29 th September	Ham & Jam Festival
Monday 2 nd October	PTA Meeting
Thursday 12 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 12 th October	P6 & P7 boys & girls football festival
Tuesday 24 th October	Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 24 th October	PTA Disco
Monday 6 th November	PTA Meeting
Thursday 9 th November	P6 & P7 boys & girls football festival
Wednesday 29 th November	P5 Swimming starts
Thursday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Show (evening)
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Show (afternoon)
Wednesday 13 th December	Panto 'The Snow Queen'
Friday 15 th December	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 20 th December	Nursery Nativity

ACHIEVEMENT SUPPLEMENT

<p>Congratulations! Holly Henderson, Jason Boughey and Natasha Lawson For having their entry to the Cancer research UK Art Competition included in the Charity Recipe Book</p>	
<p>Paige McDowall attended her first gymnastics display and earned a certificate of Merit. Well done Paige!</p>	<p>Sarah Tait has been blazing a trail on her bike as the first ever Scottish under 10 girl to take part in the Scottish and British Combined Trials Bike Competition. Watch out Sir Chris!</p>
<p>Sarah Tait achieved a podium place in several cycling races receiving 2 Bronze, 1 Silver and 2 Gold medals! What a Star!</p>	<p>Sarah Tait completed the Stirling Race for Life 5k with her mum and baby sister. Effective Contributor!</p>
<p>Niamh Guthrie participated in carlike leisure Centre's Gymnastic display back in June. She achieved a certificate of merit. Well done Niamh, you are a Successful Learner</p>	

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Signed _____ Parent/Carer of _____

Room Number (s) _____ / Nursery