



The Lorne Phoenix



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Welcome to the new school year!

It is great to be back in school and to see all of our new families and children join us. Welcome! We are looking forward to getting to know you and working with you to support your child. To our returning families, we hope you had an enjoyable summer and we are looking forward to working again with you and your children.

Our Newsletter

To receive this school newsletter once per month, you will need to give us your email address or text number. The first issue is sent home on paper but for the rest of the year we will email/ text the link to the newsletter on our school website. Please use the slip at the end of this newsletter to give us your text number or email whichever you prefer.

New Depute Head Teacher

Welcome to Ellie English our new Depute Head Teacher. Ellie will be looking after Nursery to P3 and Mr McLean will be looking after P4 to P7. Miss English will also give teachers their non-contact time by teaching Drama to older classes all day Thursday. We also have Miss Young taking on a new role of stage leader in P2 to 4 providing leadership and support at this stage. Mrs Anderson will take the lead for support for learning until she goes on maternity leave in December.



New class teachers

Welcome to Fiona Latimer who has been appointed as a temporary teacher working alongside Mrs Mackenzie who has returned from maternity leave to work part-time in P3LM

PE (physical education)

Welcome back to Lorraine Logg, PE teacher, returning from maternity leave. It is great to have you back on a Tuesday teaching PE to the older classes. Class teachers will teach the remaining PE lessons to give every child 2 hours of PE each week.

Goodbyes!

At the very last minute before the summer holidays, Linsay Young got a teaching job in Stirling where she now lives. Linsay has been at Lorne for 16 years. We will miss her but we are also pleased she won't have the long journey to Edinburgh anymore!

Our staff for this year are...

P1HM Lisa Murray

P1Y Mary Younie

P2Y Claire Young

P3H Billy Hemmingway with Fiona Hutchinson returning from maternity leave in November

P3ML Andrea Mackenzie (Mon-Wed) Fiona Latimer (Thu-Fri)

P4J Liz Jamieson

P5T Jennifer Thompson

P5/6B Caterina Bidoni

P6/7M Matthew McCullough

P7P Julie Porteous

Support for Learning teacher Catriona Anderson (Mon-Wed)

PE Lorraine Logg Tuesdays

Mr McLean

Mr McLean, headteacher, will be away from school for one week starting the 7th September while he has a small operation on his knee. Miss English, DHT, will be in charge this week.

School lunches

Please note school lunches are now £1.95.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club runs every day from 8am to the start of the school day. Places cost £7.50 per week. We can offer a limited number of free places for families on low incomes. Children receive a healthy breakfast and can play with friends. If you would like a place, please contact the school office.



New website

A huge thank you to Mrs Thompson who worked on our new and improved school website over the summer holidays. It is now live at www.lorneprimary.co.uk. On the website you can find helpful forms, newsletters and news. For children there are homework links too.

School closure

Please note that we were told on the last day of the school year in June that Lorne Primary School will be closed on **Thursday 10 September 2015**. This is to allow a by-election to take place. Staff

will be at work but children will have an extra holiday as they are not allowed to be in the building when it is used as a polling station. We apologise for this extra inconvenience so early in the school year.



Natural Play Area

In 2014 Lorne Primary School was successful in bidding for a Scottish Government grant to build a natural play area. This is a movement of schools across Europe who

value playing with natural materials rather than plastics, tar and concrete areas. Please be prepared for children coming home with some sand in their clothes or slightly dirty from playing outside. We are a Natural Play School and children have access to natural materials at playtimes (soil, sand, logs, water, tarpaulins, boxes etc) It is important for children to have access to natural play materials as it

- Helps children build immunity
- Encourages children to use their imaginations and build their own play activities
- Improves behaviour because the children are more engaged in play, are less bored and cooperate in groups to make things
- Allows opportunities for outdoor learning in Science, Maths, Art etc.

Other schools in the local area may not be Natural Play Schools. It is up to each school community to develop their own approach to play and learning.

Children are not allowed to play in the sand, water or tower before school or after school as there is no adult supervision.

Early Learning & Childcare

Some eligible 2 year olds can now access nursery education at

- Fort Early Years Centre
- Leith Walk Primary School
- Viewforth Primary School
- Fox Covert Primary School

More information at edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries_and_childcare

School gates

We have had the school gates left open when adults are leaving school and this could allow the youngest children to get out onto the street. Please always close and bolt the gate when you leave. Our front gate on Lorne Street will soon have an extra "top bolt" added which will be out of the reach of children.



Medicines reminder

Please remember that we are not allowed to give medicines to children unless

1. You have sent an Edinburgh City Council medicines form to us. These can be downloaded from our school website.
2. The medicine has a GP/ Pharmacist label with your child's name and clearly stating when and how often the medication should be taken.

Unfortunately there are no exceptions to this policy as it is a City of Edinburgh Council policy for all schools and protects children against accidents



involving medicines.

2015 Phoenix Awards winners

Ella won this year's Anne Gowans Shield for best improver in swimming.

Khushdeep won the Lorne Good Citizens Award presented in memory of Jock Purves.

Our achievement awards are given every year to pupils who have shown a year-long improvement in achievement. This year's winners were presented in June with their certificates. The winners were... Eva, Hugo, Devpreet, Ria, Eva, Demi, Alex, Caleb, Caitlin & Kareena.

The 100% attendance award winners for the whole of 2015 were...

Logan, Meng Ting, Millie, Caelin, Lois, Annabelle, Robyn, Keanu, Amaranta, Caitlin & Scott.

Good attendance makes an enormous difference to a child's achievement levels in school. Children who miss 2-3 weeks of school every year because of extra holidays will have missed half a year's schooling by the time they reach P7. Please do not take your child on holiday during term time unless your employer does not allow you to (e.g. emergency services or armed services rosters) There are also a very limited number of other reasons when holidays in term time can be authorised e.g. when a family needs to spend time together following a traumatic event. If you are taking time off because your employer does not allow holidays at any other time, please ask your employer to write to the headteacher explaining this.

Skills clubs

We will be running our skills clubs again this year in the middle of each term. The children will be able to choose a skills club to attend.

We will be looking for parent volunteers to help with cycle club. FREE training is available for parents as below...

If anyone is interested in **cycle assistant** training. These are running (you only need to attend one) 9am-4pm Sat 29 Aug, Fri 18 Sep, Fri 18 Mar & Fri 13th May

Cycle ride leader training (you only need to attend one)

9am-4.30pm Sat 12 Sep, Fri 2 Oct & Sat 16 Apr

Basic bike maintenance (you only need to attend one) 6pm – 8pm Tue 15 Sep, Tue 8 Oct & Tue 19 Apr

Essential cycle skills (brush up your cycle skills) (you only need to attend one)

1pm – 3pm on Sat 19 Sep, Fri 23 Oct, Sat 19 Mar & Sat 14 May

Locations to be confirmed with you but will be in Edinburgh. Contact lisa.morton@sustrans.org.uk (0131 346 9780) to get booked on the course.

Free School Lunches

All P1 to P3 children receive free school meals provided by funding from the Scottish Government. You can claim



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free school lunches for older children if you are receiving:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- Both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £6,420
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit



Friends of Lorne Primary Parents' Group News

Dates of events

FoLP Hallowe'en Disco Wed 28th Oct 6-6.45pm P1-P3 7-8.00 P4-7. Tidy 8-8.30pm
 Tue 19th Nov Lorne's Got Talent Finals in Hall 7-8.30pm
 Christmas Fair Fri 4th Dec
 Spring Blingo Wed 23rd Mar 6.30-8pm.
 Summer Fair Fri 3rd Jun 10am to 12.30pm.



Parent Council News

Meetings will be held on

Tue Sep 15 2015
 Tue Nov 17 2015
 Tue Feb 9th 2016
 Tue May 17 2016

All meetings will be from 6.30-7.30pm with a children's activity corner and refreshments on offer.

Please come along! Meet interested parents, find out what your child and school are doing and be a part of their development.



Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

P1 children and parents will be going to the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens on Thursday 24th September. Please meet us outside the main gate at 10am or at the Botanics education building at 10.15am. Please do not come to school that day as there will be no staff here to look after P1s

Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult (over 16 years of age) The children and parents take part in fun activities in the Gardens and get to know each other over a picnic lunch. You can bring your own lunch or order a free packed lunch. There

will be a charge of £3 for this excursion because of the cost of hiring Botanics staff. A letter will be sent home to collect this money and get details of the adult attending with each child.

10.30-11.30 activity 1
 11.30-12.00 lunch
 12.00-1.00 activity 2

Children will be free to leave with their adult at 1pm or can stay on with their adult in the gardens to have more fun!



First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

Competition surprise!

Well done to Meng Ting who won a cupcake design competition which classes entered in the summer. As part of her prize her class will get to visit the Royal Yacht Britannia in the Autumn!



Second Level News (P5, P6 & P7)

P7 fundraising

P7 children will start to organise their monthly fundraisers for their residential week in York, England in May/June. We will start with a September cake sale & October sponsored cycle! Good luck P7s with all your fundraising in the year ahead.

Healthier tuckshop

P6 children and Mrs Reynolds will be leading a new healthy tuckshop each day. You should now have had a letter home about this healthy tuckshop and the rewards card that

children will use. Children can buy a reward card for £2.50 and this gives them access to tuckshop for 10 days (25p per day) Each time a child uses the card, a box is stamped. When the card is full of stamps, a reward is given. We would appreciate if children are bringing snacks from home that these do not include fizzy drinks, sugary drinks, sweets etc. We would prefer if children can bring healthier snacks such as



fruit, water, vegetable sticks, yoghurt tubes etc.

If you need help encouraging your child to eat healthily, our local dieticians can be accessed via your GP or health visitor for advice.

Community events

We will be changing our approach to community events so that we can take part in a wider range of events. We have decided to split our community events up across the school to make this more manageable for classes. P1 & P2 will continue to run the nativity play at Christmas time. P3, P4 & P5 will run a school show in March/ April P6 will run a community Burns Supper in January P7 will run monthly fundraising and business activities to raise funds for their week-long York residential. P7 will also organise their leavers assembly in June. We will no longer have our Easter event at church.

Calendar كينئثر

Fri 25 Sep Parent-teacher consultations 1-3.30pm
Wed 30 Sep Parent-teacher consultations 6-8.30pm
Thu 8 Oct P6 & P7 lead the Harvest Celebration Pilrig St Paul's Church 10.30-11.30
Thu 10 Dec P1-4 to pantomime at Brunton Theatre Cinderella. Leave school 9.15am. Back for later lunch.
Mon 14 Dec P6/7 & P7 party afternoon
Tue 15 Dec P4-7 to pantomime at Kings Theatre (Snow-white) Leave school 1.15pm and return late at 4.45pm approximately. Children need to be picked up at school by an adult.
Wed 16 Dec P5 & P5/6 party afternoon
Thu 17 Dec P3, P3 & P4 party afternoon
Mon 21 Dec P1, P1 & P2 party afternoon
Mon 25 Jan Burns Supper: P6 children host for a local community group 6-8pm
Wed 16 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 6-8.30pm
Fri 18 Mar Parent-teacher consultations 1-3.30pm
Thu 24 Mar P4s & P5s lead Easter celebration Pilrig Church 10.30-11.30
Tue 7 Jun to Fri 10 Jun P7 York residential week PROVISIONAL- THESE DATES ARE STILL TO BE CONFIRMED.
Mon 13 Jun pupil reports sent home for parents
Fri 17 Jun sports day Pilrig Park 9.30 to 12.00. If weather is too wet we will hold sports on the first dry day available.
Tue 21 Jun to Thu 23 Jun P7 transition days in secondary schools.
Wed 29 Jun P7 Leavers Assembly 1.30 to 3.00

HOLIDAY DATES

Please always check for the most up-to-date version of Edinburgh City Council school holiday dates at...

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates

The following holiday dates were taken from the above website on 3/5/2015

2015-16 school year

Inservice days (school closed for children but open for staff)

Thu 13 Aug 2015
Fri 14 Aug 2015
Tue 20 Oct 2015
Wed 6 Jan 2016
Thu 5 May 2016

Autumn Term

Thu 13 Aug 2015 inservice day- staff only
Fri 14 Aug 2015 inservice day- staff only
Mon 17 Aug 2015 Term starts

Thu 10 Sep inservice day/ election- school closed (EXTRA INSERVICE DAY- PLEASE NOTE)

Mon 21 Sep Holiday Monday
Mon 12 Oct to Tue 20 Oct Mid-term holiday
Tue 20 Oct inservice day
Wed 21 Oct pupils resume
Tue 22 Dec Term ends at 12.00 for all children
Wed 23 Dec to Wed 6 Jan 2016 Christmas holidays

Spring Term

Wed 6 Jan inservice day
Thu 7 Jan 2016 pupils resume
Mon 15 February to Fri 19 Feb Mid-term holiday
Tue 22 Feb- all resume
Thu 24 Mar Term ends normal time Easter holidays
Fri 25 March - Fri 8 April Easter holidays

Summer Term

Mon 11 Apr 2016 all resume
Mon 18 Apr holiday Monday
Tue 19 Apr all resume
Mon 2 May holiday Monday
Tue 3 May all resume
Thu 5 May inservice day (Scottish Parliament election) staff only
Mon 23 May holiday Monday
Tue 24 May all resume
Thu 30 Jun School closes 12.00 for all children

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER- PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE VIA YOUR CLASS TEACHER

My Name

My oldest child's name

I would like the newsletter by email and my email address (please write very clearly)



I would like the newsletter by text and my mobile number is



I would like to receive the newsletter in print

