



# The Lorne Phoenix



December 2015

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## A very Merry Christmas!

We would like to wish all of our children, staff, parents, carers, volunteers & friends a very merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2016! We hope you have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing the children again in January.

## STV Christmas choir

Well done to the school choir who went to the STV filming at Mansfield Traquair Church. The choir will be broadcast on Christmas Day on STV- times to be advised. We are sure we will add some sparkle to the nation's Christmas Day!



## Waterstones thank you!

A huge thank you to Waterstones Book shop on Princes Street for being so kind to us when we visited for our annual book buying trip. 6 children and out wonderful community volunteers Mrs Corr and Mrs Lockhart visited Waterstones and shopped for all of those books the children and teachers requested for our school library. Waterstones not only gave us a 20% discount but also added in free books for our library and some treats for the visiting children too. We are very excited about all of the new books arriving soon. Thank you to Mrs Corr our library volunteer for all of the preparation for the trip and for all of the work in our library!



## Keep up to date with our news!

Every month you can see our newsletter at [www.lorneprimary.co.uk](http://www.lorneprimary.co.uk) and see news, meeting minutes from our Parent Council and great photos at [www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool](http://www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool) and Twitter @LorneSchool. **Unless you request a paper copy at our school office,** we will only be sending our monthly newsletter by text/email link from January 2016. The link takes you to the newsletter page on our school website.

## After-school clubs January to March

You should have received a letter about the after-school clubs for next term. The after-school clubs which will be on offer next term will be...

Monday Dance P1 & 2 & Dance P3 to 7

Tuesday Basketball P3 to 7

Wednesday Drama (provided by Strangetown)

Thursday Athletics P1 & 2 Athletics P3 to 7

Friday Judo P1 to 4

There will also be other clubs available at our cluster schools.

## Homework diaries

Huge apologies for the delay in getting our usual homework diaries out to children in some classes. We have had huge issues with purchasing these. We will start using them in January in all classes.

## P5/6 raffle for SSPCA

Thank you to Mrs Alexander for donating the fantastic Halloween sweets basket and to P5/6 for organising the raffle. It raised £61.17. The collection from the Church Harvest Service was £43.70. A total of £104.87 will be sent to the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals. Thank you for supporting our Pupil Council's charity work.

## P7 sponsored cycle

Well done to everyone who took part in our sponsored cycle to raise funds for the P7 York Excursion in the summer. So far this has raised an amazing £760 and this will bring the cost down for every family taking part.

## Staffing changes

Mrs Anderson, support for learning teacher has now gone on maternity leave in December and will be returning later in 2016. Good luck Mrs Anderson! Before she left, Mrs Anderson worked very hard to get everyone's support for learning targets updated and has now handed over to Mr Hemingway who will take over as sfl teacher (temporary) in January 2016 on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday each week.

Welcome back to Mrs Hutchinson who returns from maternity leave in January 2016. Mrs Hutchinson came for a visit and Mr Hemingway spent time planning for sharing the class with Mrs Hutchinson. Mrs Hutchinson

will work Monday to Wednesday in P3H with Mr Hemingway working Thursday and Friday in P3H.

### Attendance

Thank you for helping to improve children's attendance and lateness in the mornings. We are now 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools in north Edinburgh. We can do better though so please keep children coming to school and on time. If children have had sickness or diarrhea, they still need to be absent from school for 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you.

school	97.80%
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school	96.60%
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school	95.50%
school	95.40%
school	95.30%
school	95.30%
<b>Lorne</b>	<b>95.20%</b>
school	95.00%
school	95.00%
school	94.60%
school	94.30%
school	94.10%
school	93.70%
school	92.20%

### Playground tidy up

Our playgrounds are looking very tidy- thanks to Mrs Woodman and the parent group for all of your hard work. Thank you to the Eco and Pupil Council groups for planting bulbs and other plants to brighten the place up.

### Clothes

If anyone has joggers, T-shirts, skirts, jumpers etc we will happily use these in school.

### Christmas clear-outs

If you are having a clear-out of toys and books over the holiday, remember to donate any books and games in good condition to school- we can always use these in our library and wet day activity boxes.

### Space Day

Wed 15th December P4 will be spending the day at the National Museum of Scotland where they will take part in some space activities, talk to a real life astronaut and watch the live lift off of a UK astronaut into space from the Russian Space Centre.



### Cake with Miss Murray

Thank you to everyone who came to this event. We are trying out different ways of showing parents what the children are learning in school.

This event was very well attended and the children loved showing their parents what they have been learning. Every class will have an open learning event for parents to attend at some point in the school year.

### Christmas events reminders

#### Christmas lunch

Wed 9th December: Please remember to tick the box on the menu sheet if you would like your child to have a school meal on this day. Santa hats and other Christmas outfits are allowed!

#### Theatre visits

Thu 10th Dec P1-P4 travelling by coach to Brunton Theatre to see Cinderella. Leave at 9.15am – normal pick up at the end of the day.

Tue 15th Dec P5-7 travelling by coach to the King's Theatre to see Snow White. Leave at 1.15pm – returning at approx. 4.45pm

#### Parties

Mon 14th December	P6/7 & P7
Wed 16th December	P5 & P5/6
Thu 17th December	P3H / P3M/L & P4
Mon 21st December	P1M / P1Y & P2

#### Church Nativity

Thu 17th December Performance of 'Humph the Camel' in Pilrig Church at 10.30am-12.00. Pupils in P1-3 will be performing. All parents and carers very welcome to attend.

Community events Pupils (P4-7) will be singing Christmas songs in Sheltered Housing and Residential Homes during the month of December. If your child has an appointment, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Holiday dates School closes at 12:00pm on Tuesday 22nd December and will reopen on Thursday 7th January. Wednesday 6th January is an INSET Day for staff only.

#### Christmas Party Money

Please send in £2 per child which will go towards the cost of party food and prizes for the classes. Please put the money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.



### Parent Council News

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.

The Parent Council fundraising team, the Friends of Lorne Primary (FOLP), runs fun social events to raise much needed funds for the school and provide creative and social opportunities for pupils and families. Suggestions welcome.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Lorne-Primary-School](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Lorne-Primary-School)



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## Minutes of Lorne Primary School Parent Council Meeting Tuesday Nov 17 2015

Lorne Parent Council (LPC) held its last meeting for 2015 with ten people attending. Apologies were received from Head teacher, Kirstie Whittaker and Pam Stanley.

The full minute not this meeting can be seen at [www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool](http://www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool) The items discussed included...

- financial management and reporting for the PC now that an administration budget is in place.
- Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Yellow Folder which each child brings home.
- A new booklet *How Good Is Our School 4* is available at <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/hgios4/introduction.asp?strReferringChannel=inspectionandreview&strReferringPageID=tcm:4-682712-64&class=1+d147708> Parents will be surveyed soon and can join a working group to review curriculum areas.
- New roof on rear of school
- Parent Carer-engagement survey
- Newsletter moving to online only unless a parent/ care requests a paper copy.
- School uniform survey
- Friends of Lorne Primary (FOLP) status and events
- Autumn gardening and grounds tidy
- Donations: Tesco has donated 100 small bags of compost
- Christmas theatre visits

### Next meeting

Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-7.30pm.



### Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

The Nursery Christmas trip is to Jungle Jims- see letter from nursery team.



### First Level News (P2, P3 & P4)

Well done to everyone for taking part in our successful skills clubs on Wednesday afternoons. Despite some very challenging weather we managed to carry on indoors and outdoors! Our next clubs will run in February and March. Children will be asked to



### Second Level News (P5 to P7)

#### Sportshall athletics

Thank you to Mr McCullough for taking our P6 and P7 athletes to Meadowbank for the inter-schools competition. The children competed in Obstacle Relay

- 1 + 1 Lap Relay
- 2 + 2 lap Relay
- 6 Lap Paarlaf
- Over / Under Relay
- 4 x 1 Lap Relay
- Chest Push
- Speed Bounce
- Standing Long Jump
- Standing Triple Jump
- Vertical Jump
- Soft Javelin

Lorne came 6<sup>th</sup> out of the competing schools so well done everybody for this result.

1st	Longstone Primary School	203 points
2nd	Nether Currie Primary School	192 points
3rd	St Francis Primary School	156 points
4th	Colinton Primary School	150 points
5th	St Mary's Primary School	141 points
<b>6th</b>	<b>Lorne Primary School</b>	<b>138 points</b>
	Preston Street Primary School	138 points
8th	Sighthill Primary School	109 points
9th	St John Vianney Primary School	93 points

### Calendar كئلتھر

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](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates)

The following holiday dates were taken from the above website on 3/5/2015 and may have changed since then. Please check at the above website.

**Autumn Term**

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 in-service 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 in-service 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

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**MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER-  
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL  
OFFICE**



My Name

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My oldest child's name

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I would still like to receive the newsletter in print

**And finally.....**

A few lovely photos from our various events so far this year! Merry Christmas everyone!



P5 travel back in time at Craigmillar Castle!



Big Bike BBQ Breakfast- remember that summer weather?



Police visitors to our assembly to help us keep safe.



Learning how to be a John Lewis chef!



Interviewing politicians to help influence our world.