



# The Lorne Phoenix



November 2015

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## **IMPORTANT: PLACES IN P1 AND S1 FOR AUGUST 2016**

If your child is starting P1 (first year of primary school) or S1 (first year at secondary school) the following information is very important. Letters were sent to all Nursery (final year) and P7 parents after the October break by the City of Edinburgh Council. The letters explained what you now need to do to secure a place in P1 or S1. If you did not receive a letter, please let school know immediately and we will request a new letter is sent to you. Nursery parents should have attended their catchment school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November for an introduction to the school.

**Registration week for the 2016 intake will take place from Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November 2015. You must collect an enrolment form from your catchment school (EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND YOUR CACTHMENT SCHOOL) You must make an appointment with the catchment school office if you cannot register during registration week.**

Children registered up to the last day in February are **guaranteed** a place in their non-denominational catchment school, provided they are still resident at the same address by the start of session. After this date, City of Edinburgh Council will consider late applications. If you are moving address and try to register you will be directed to the City Council's School Placements team - and if suitable proof is provided of a future move, the team will offer a **provisional** registration on the condition that proof of residence is provided within one month of the move taking place.

**Oversubscribed Roman Catholic schools:** At the school intakes meeting in January 2016 Roman Catholic primary schools unlikely to admit all of the registered catchment children will be identified. Priority will be given to children baptised in the Roman Catholic faith, where a certificate of baptism has been provided. A waiting list is then created for non-RC children. A letter will be sent to all affected parents.

**Non-catchment placing requests:** Placing requests for the 2016 intake will re-open on **9 November 2015**. You must make requests for a place in a non-catchment school using the website

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/placingrequest](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/placingrequest)

**The closing date for requests is 24 December 2015. Late requests will be accepted but subject to availability of places after the first allocation is complete.**

## **Hallowe'en Disco**

Thank you for the great turnout of parents and carers who helped set up, supervise and clean up the Hallowe'en Disco. This support was much appreciated and meant this event could keep running. The children had a great time, as you can see from the photos below and on our Facebook page.



## **Charity**

The children have now finished voting for their preferred charity to support this year and have decided it will be the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA)

## **Amazing assembly**



P5/6 children explaining the "Drake Equation" during their wonderful Star Trek themed assembly.

Thank you to P5/6 and Miss Bidoni who delivered a fantastic assembly on Space. We learned about early space explorers, what it was like to be in space and also about life out there beyond planet earth! We even learned about the "Drake Equation" which was used to work out the likelihood of life existing in other galaxies. Thank you to our community road safety team and police team who spoke to us about winter darkness and how to stay safe and be seen.

### Exciting News! Choir to sing on STV Christmas Day

Our school choir will be filmed next week for STV's Christmas Day programme. The choir will be rehearsing every morning before school for the next 5 days before filming. The children will be singing Christmas carols. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you on TV on Christmas Day!

### Norovirus

If your child is confirmed as having Norovirus this winter, please let school know so that we can track the rate of infections that may have happened in school. Please also follow the Norovirus advice from NHS Scotland at [www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus) or 0800 22 44 88.

### Children who have been vomiting or had diarrhoea

Thank you for supporting the NHS and City Council policy of 48 hours absence from school following a child vomiting or having diarrhoea. This will help to reduce our absence rates because of infections spreading. Please continue to keep your child away from school for 48 hours after vomiting / diarrhoea have stopped.



### Lateness

Lateness has improved since our last newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has made a big effort with this. However, there are still some children who are regularly late for school. Please help stop disruption to classes and anxiety for your child by making sure your child is in the lines for the teacher collecting the line in the morning. Thank you for your support.

### Improve your adult English

There are free evening and weekend classes for adults who want to improve their English. These classes are for adults whose first language is not English. More information at [www.joininedinburgh.org/esol/](http://www.joininedinburgh.org/esol/)

### Reminder for P1 parents (Time For A Story Sessions)

The following sessions are all at Macdonald Road Library, leaving school at 3.00pm and running at the library 3.15 to 4.15pm...

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



### Friends of Lorne Primary Parents' Group News

#### Dates of events

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Lorne's Got Talent Finals in Hall 7-8.30pm  
TO BE CONFIRMED

Christmas Fair Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec morning TO BE CONFIRMED

Spring Blingo Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 6.30-8pm TO BE CONFIRMED

Summer Fair Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 10am to 12.30pm TO BE CONFIRMED

### Parent Council News

Meetings will be held on  
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.

The PC meets each term to discuss school issues and initiatives, share insights and work on fundraising activities. Refreshments and pupil activity corner are provided. The meeting will

- give feedback to school on the Personal Learning Plan "Yellow Folder"
- get an update on school building repairs,
- feedback on Halloween parties
- uniform sale and gardening events
- community volunteers in school
- future activities and fundraising and
- status of Friends of Lorne Primary FoLP group

Parent council minutes and news is available at [www.lorneprimary.co.uk](http://www.lorneprimary.co.uk), and [www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/lorneprimaryschool).

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

### City of Edinburgh Education, Children and Families - Meeting with Parent Council representatives for Budget overview - Tuesday November 24th, 6.30-8pm. Council Chambers in City Chambers Building.

The Convener for Education, Children and Families Paul Godzik is holding a Budget Engagement session for Parents. At this meeting the education department will give an overview of the current financial position of the Council and consideration of current proposals. Councillor Rankin (Convener of Finance) will be in attendance as will Hugh Dunn, the Council's Head of Finance.

The meeting will give time to consider the big picture in terms of the Council and also to consider the proposals related to Children and Families. For more information and for parents to have your say visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/budget](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/budget) which includes the full templates and provides links and information about:

If you wish to attend along with Parent Council coordinator Annie Woodman, please leave your details with the office by Friday Nov 20th.

### Leith Community Cinema

This community led cinema goes for strength to strength with the recent success of *From Scotland With Love* film and memories workshop and *Inside Out*.



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Organised by and for Leith locals and families, including support from Lorne families, the cinema is based at Pilrig St Paul's Church. For the festive season it is screening: Elf (PG) Thursday December 10th at 4.15pm including festive treats and pop-corn bauble making workshop.

Doors 3.40pm

White Christmas Wednesday 16th at 2pm including festive refreshments. Doors 1.30pm.

Suggested donation: £3/£2. Bookings and information [www.leithcommunitycinema.com](http://www.leithcommunitycinema.com)

### Pupil Council Garden project

Thank you to Mrs Woodman, parent and Parent Council chairperson, who has met with pupil and eco council reps to prepare for an outdoor planting project. This will get going when the weather is calmer! Well done to previous pupil councils who campaigned for improvements to our toilets. The City Council has agreed to upgrade the boys' toilet block on the ground floor.

Our large wooden boxes where we plant vegetables are desperately needing a tidy-up. We will do this in the early Spring. We need to break up the soil, weed and top up with soil. If you can help, please let the school office know.

### Attendance

Thanks to everyone who has made an effort improving lateness and attendance. We have now moved up the rankings in north Edinburgh schools and we are now sitting at 95% attendance for the whole school. The best in our neighbourhood is 98%

1. School	93.3%
2. School	93.5%
3. School	94.4%
4. School	94.5%
<b>5. Lorne</b>	<b>95.1%</b>
6. School	95.1%
7. School	95.2%
8. School	95.2%
9. School	95.4%
10. School	95.6%
11. School	95.6%
12. School	95.6%
13. School	95.7%
14. School	96.8%
15. School	97.2%
16. School	97.2%
17. School	97.5%
18. School	98.0%

### Drama after-school club

Strangetown Drama is continuing to run a drama club on Wednesdays after school. The dates and costs for next term are...

P3-P7 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3.20pm - 4.20pm. £60 total. Please note there will be no drama club on 17<sup>th</sup> February.

To book places, please look out for the letters from Strangetown Drama which will be sent home.

There will also be drama sessions in the summer term...

P3-P7 (PE Hall): Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3.20pm - 4.20pm.

### Scooter pod and bike racks

We have been allocated £375 by Sustrans to help towards the cost of bike racks and a scooter pod for locking scooters. We are now waiting on quotes for the installation of these.



### Early Level News (Nursery & P1)

#### Book Bugs

Nursery parents and children were invited to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to take part in this year's Book Bug launch. P1 parents and children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm to 2.30pm for the P1 Book Bug launch. Book Bug is a national scheme where books are gifted to nursery and P1 children to keep and read at home with their families. The launch events in school offer parents tips on how to use the books.



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

#### P3H Royal Yacht Britannia Visit

Well done to P3H for behaving beautifully on their trip to the Royal Yacht Britannia. The children learned a lot about ships, the royal family and life at sea.

### Champion kick boxer

Well done to Collette who has won third place trophies in a kick boxing competition in November. Collette is now an orange belt.







## Second Level News (P5 to P7)

### P7 Sponsored Cycle

Well done to P7 children in both classes who raised a whopping £XXX on their sponsored cycle. Every child cycled or scooted and the money will be used to reduce the price of the P7 York residential trip. The P7 children have been running a fundraiser every month to help reduce the cost of this great 4 day excursion to York and northern England where they visit historic, cultural and leisure sites. A big thank you to Mrs Porteous, Mr McCulloch & Mrs McQuade for helping with all of the fundraising activities and organisation for York excursion.



### Calendar كينڈر

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4pm Lorne school sings at Leith Christmas Tree at Kirkgate (which classes to be confirmed)

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 Pilgrim 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 Pilgrim 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

P1: Time For A Story after-school parent and child activity (see dates above)

P2-3: cookery, art, body control/ sport, eco group, dance and dance

P4-7: cycling, art/ craft, eco group, school magazine, choir, French club and sewing.

Children choose which set of skills they would like to improve and this then forms the focus for a 4 week skills club running on Thursday afternoons.

Please remember to come to school dressed for bad weather if your skills club is an outdoor club!

If any parents would like to help with the above skills clubs, please let the school office know- the more hands on deck, the better!

### 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 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

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**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



### Skills clubs

Our skills clubs for November/ December are