



# The Lorne Phoenix

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## Staffing

Interviews will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> for the position of Acting Headteacher with the candidate taking up post on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have 4 new Pupil Support Assistants joining us shortly (Ms A Kallinkou, Ms N Horne, Mr J Simpson and Ms I Murray) and also welcome Mrs Lisa Black as our Pupil Support Officer – a role that aims to develop home/ school links to support some of our most vulnerable pupils.

## Parent Council Meeting



Our first PC meeting of the year is scheduled for this coming Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 6.30 in the school library. We welcome anyone interested in helping us to run events and support the school with our fund raising activities. We have an upcoming Halloween disco and are looking at getting dates in the diary for a Christmas Fair. Your help here is greatly appreciated. We run a child friendly meeting with the children able to chill out and watch a movie in the classroom next door. Hope to see you at 6.30!

## Playground Quiet Zone



We are almost there with our quiet zone in the back courtyard. With only two planters to be filled, some

benches to be constructed we will open this the following week, if staffing permits.

## School House Update

All work permissions have been granted and work is now underway in the old Janitor's house. The former bathrooms and kitchen have been removed and the flooring made good. A new kitchen has been delivered and we are awaiting this to be fitted along with a new toilet. Once these major pieces of work are completed it will be over to us to decorate and furnish the rooms. To remind you, this will become our Support for Learning base and Learning Zone upstairs with a parent/ visitor area attached to our kitchen.

## Uniform



It has been lovely to see the majority of our pupils coming into school in their school uniforms. Just a reminder that the red uniform can be purchased from any of the main supermarkets. If you wish a badged uniform our main supplier is Tesco (if you go online and search for Lorne Primary, it has our logo attached to sweatshirts, hoodies etc.) Alternatively, Max Yarns in Duke Street offer an embroidery service and can add the school badge to any garment. We also want to mention that if any of our parents might be struggling to purchase a school uniform – then we can help with costs for this. Please contact the school office for more details.

## Extension to Nursery Opening by 2020

As you'll be aware the Scottish Government is planning to nearly double the hours of free early learning and childcare by 2020. Because the views of parents and carers are crucial for the success of this expansion, the

Government has commissioned independent researchers to undertake a survey of parents. It is now asking for our help in sharing the survey link ([www.bit.ly/elc-survey](http://www.bit.ly/elc-survey)) with as many parents of 0-5 year old children in your community as possible.

All parents taking part will have the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw and have the chance to win one of 10 x £100 cash prizes.

The survey is carried out for the Scottish Government by Craigforth, an independent research company. If you have any questions about this survey please send a message to: [survey@craigforth.co.uk](mailto:survey@craigforth.co.uk)

## Other News

### Residential trips

We are in negotiation with a travel provider to book up our P7 York trip. Look out for an upcoming invite into school to learn more about the York experience for the P7 pupils and how you can help reduce the costs for this trip by helping with our class teachers' fundraising.

There has been a suggestion that we might add a short overnight trip to an outward bound facility for our P6 pupils for next session. At a cluster level we are exploring the possibility of doing this in tandem with the other feeder primary schools as part of our transition work with Leith Academy.

### Fundraising



We will again be offering parents the opportunity to purchase Christmas Cards (or tea-towels, mugs etc) with festive artwork designed by their child/ren. Look out for them coming home in the next few weeks.

## Flu immunisation



Thank you for returning your flu immunisation letters. If you have not already done so, can we encourage you to get these back to our office as soon as possible. The date for our pupil immunisation programme is early December.

## Halloween Disco



Following on last year's amazing event, we have rebooked our popular Halloween disco. It will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of October and will run from 6pm to 7pm for Primary 1 to 3 and then from 7.30 to 8.30 for Primary 4 to 7. Tickets will be available soon.

## School Calendar

All term dates and times can be found on this link;

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

### Calendar Kalendar كيلنڊر

#### October break

School closes at normal time on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of October

**Pupils resume** on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of October at the usual time

**Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team**