



The Lorne Phoenix

August 2018

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming all of our Primary 2-7 children back to Lorne for this new school session. We have also been excited to welcome our new Primary 1 children, they are settling into Lorne so well.

We are delighted with how well the start to the new session has gone and are very much looking forward to all that is planned over the academic year.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange an appointment.

Susan Leach (Head Teacher)

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Browning from her secondment to Hermitage Park Primary School. She is enjoying working with Primary 2.

We were deeply saddened to hear that our janitor, Yvonne Hepburn died during the summer holidays. Our thoughts are with family and friends.

Meet the Teacher

We are holding a Meet the Teacher event on Thursday 30th August from 6-7.25pm. Letters have been sent home outlining the details of this. We look forward to welcoming families into Lorne to meet class teachers, hear about what children will be experiencing at Lorne over the school session and the developments that have been identified to progress over the session.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting of the new school session will be in school on Wednesday 12th September at 6.30pm. The Parent Council organise school events, support the school with fundraising and explore school improvement with staff. Your help is greatly appreciated. The Parent Council meetings are child friendly, children can be brought along and watch a movie in the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vision and Values

Our whole school community contributed to Lorne Primary School's Vision and Values.

Vision –

Lorne Primary School aims to provide high quality learning and teaching in a safe and nurturing environment, leading to success for all.

Values –

Diversity
Equality
Achievement
Respect

The schools Vision and Values will form a large part of our focus this session both across the school and in classes.

We will focus on a school value each block this session. The first value that we are focussing on this school session is **Respect**.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

This session we are excited to be participating in the Rights Respecting Schools Award which puts children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK.

The Award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school and beyond.

Building Resilience

We are continuing with our work on Building Resilience this session. We will be looking at 'Talk Things Over' with the children and how this will be a tool that can help us if we are facing challenging times. Look out for information coming home about this soon.

Improvement Plan

As a whole school team we are constantly looking to improve learners experiences and attainment and achievement in Lorne. A big part of this targeted focus this session will be reading and numeracy. There will be more information on this shared at the Meet the Teacher event and over the school session.

Primary 1-3 Lining Up in the Morning

We appreciate that there is a lack of space in our front playground in the morning, especially with the addition of building works and scaffolding but we would ask that parents/carers encourage children into their lines on the first bell and move back from the line by the second bell. This should allow for a clear path for the teachers to walk their class into school.

Playground Café

On the first Friday of every month we will be holding a Playground Café. This will run from 12pm onwards in the back playground (Jameson Place) and is an opportunity to spend time with other families over

some soup. We would ask that you give a donation for the soup.

The first Playground Café this session will be held on Friday 7th September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Helping in School

There are a number of ways that you can help in school and we would really welcome your support/help, from reading with children to accompanying on trips. All is valuable and allows us to make a difference for our children.

Please come into the school office or email the school if you have available time to support the learning here at Lorne.

House Teams

We are looking forward to building our school community through the introduction of House Teams this session.

Primary 7 have been learning about the local community to enable them to generate House Team names for the school. They will be organising a vote across the school to give everyone a voice.

Building Works

As you will be aware, the building works are ongoing at Lorne Primary. The team working on the masonry and roofing started during the summer holidays and have been making good progress.

On Monday, a planned programme of works started on our boiler upgrade. This is due to be a 6 week programme.

The Health and Safety of our children is our primary concern, please be assured that all works have been assessed in terms of all of the children's safety.

Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter and we are enjoying using this as one of the ways to share learning from across the school on Twitter. We can be found @LorneSchool please do follow us.

EE2/Medication

A reminder to return your child's EE2 form to school as soon as possible. We need a copy of this for your child to be able to go out of school on an excursion. If you need an EE2 form, please do come into the school office.

If your child requires medication, either short term (antibiotics) or longer term (inhalers, etc.) we need you to come into school to complete a form. We also need

the in date medication in school. **If you need to discuss this, again, please come into the school office.**



School Uniform

A huge thank you to all of our families for making our children look so smart and ready to learn. **A reminder that all children should wear school uniform Monday to Friday.**

The red uniform (Primary 1-6) and black uniform (Primary 7) can be purchased from any of the main supermarkets. If you wish a badged uniform our main supplier is Tesco. **If you require support with purchasing uniform please contact the school office.**

Parking

Can we remind you that it is important to keep the entrances to the school playground clear at all times. This is primarily to ensure the health and safety of all children and adults in and around the school. Please do not park on the zig zag yellow lines around the school.

Attendance/Lateness

We are closely monitoring attendance and lateness and will continue to do this over the session. A reminder that if your child is late to school, please sign them into school at the front entrance. If your child is not going to be in school please can you contact the school office to let school know. This will be passed on to the class teacher.

School Meals

Children in Primary 1 to Primary 3 all receive school meals, there is a cost for pupils from Primary 4-7. The cost of school meals is £2.20 per day. We have free school meal applications in school. **If you require support with this please do contact the school office.**

Snacks

We are a Health Promoting School and, as such, we would appreciate the support of families in trying to provide healthy snacks for children at break times. We would also ask that you try not to send children to school with energy drinks.

Supper Club (message from Carol Henderson)

Supper club is evolving ... it is now a weekly shared meal for families in Leith. This runs every Monday 3.30-6pm at South Leith Baptist Church.

Bring food to share (or pay £1 per person instead) and this can be anything at all from something you have surplus of at home, to left-overs from the night before. Anything that does not get eaten can be taken home or put on the 'please take' table. Likewise, any clothes, books, toys that you no longer want can be put on the table for members to help themselves.



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At supper club everybody mucks in and takes a job (cooking, dish washing, making cuppas, organising a kids activity) even the kids! We cook together, sit down round the table and eat together and tidy up together at the same time as having a laugh, chatting to other parents and building a support network. When so few of us live near family nowadays it essential, that we, for our children, build our own :-)

The group is run by parents and the children range from babies and toddlers to teenagers. We are supported by Inspiring Leith and we would love to thank the church for allowing us to use the kitchen and cafe area. While this is not a religious group we have thankful hearts for the church's generosity.

On the 3rd Monday of every month we have been invited to Amati Deli on Leith walk for pizza making, giving us a night off from cooking!!

Inspiring Leith

You are welcome along to Inspiring Leith's coffee morning's on Monday at 10.30am. These are held at Amati Deli on Leith Walk and give an opportunity to discuss the local community.

Best wishes from the Lorne Primary Team



School Calendar

All term dates and times can be found on this link;
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20074/schools/20/term_dates

Pease see below for a few dates for your diaries that are coming this term.

Calendar Kalendar كِلنْثَر

Thursday 30th August

Meet the Teacher (Nursery and Primary 2-7)

Wednesday 5th September

Primary 1 Curriculum Evening*

Monday 10th September-Friday 14th September

Maths Week Scotland*

Tuesday 11th September

Numeracy Open Afternoon – families welcome*

Wednesday 12th September

Parent Council Meeting

Monday 17th September

Holiday – school is closed

Wednesday 3rd October and Friday 5th October

Parent Consultations

Monday 15th October – Monday 22nd October

Holiday week (dates inclusive)

Tuesday 23rd October

Children return to school

Monday 29th October

Halloween disco*

Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November

Health Week*

Friday 16th November

Health Week family sharing session*

Thursday 13th December

Nativity at Pilrig St Pauls Church*

Friday 14th December

Christmas Fair

Monday 17th December – Friday 21st December

Christmas parties week*

*more information to follow