



# The Lorne Phoenix

September 2020

Thank you to all of our Lorne community for the support that you have shown us since our return to school in this 'new normal'.

Learners have become very used to sanitising and washing hand regularly, one-way systems and bubble play times and lunch times. Importantly, the wellbeing of learners and learning continues to be our main focus and this week we are all very excited that it is 'Maths Week Scotland'.

We continue to communicate with families via text, email, website, Twitter, ParentPay and Microsoft Teams. If you have any messages for teachers, please do email school or phone the school office (0131 554 2308).

Please do get in touch with the school if there is anything that you would like to discuss. This can be done via email ([admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk))

Susan Leach

## Vision and Values

Lorne Primary School has the following 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 school's vision and values underpin all that we do and we aim to explore, investigate, discuss and develop this with our staff and learners over the session.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, the focus of our virtual assembly was 'Respect'. This is our 'Value of the Block' as we divide the school year up into 4 blocks this allows us to focus on a different value each block. Please do ask your child what they think that respect looks like and what they can do to show respect in the school and in the school community.

## Safety at Lorne

We are becoming increasingly concerned about both the double parking on both Lorne Street and Jameson

Place and cars being brought on to Jameson Place. This is leading to safety concerns with our children crossing the road and for families on both Lorne Street and Jameson Place.

Contact has been made with the police, traffic wardens and the trams team. The police have assured about spot checks and efforts are being made by the trams team to explore adjustments on Lorne Street to make this safer for the Lorne community.

Please, if you can, do not bring your car for pick up/drop off. If your car is necessary, please park this in a safe and appropriate space. **Do not bring your car on to Jameson Place.**

## Maths Week Scotland

This week, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, is Maths Week Scotland. We have plans across the school to promote the week through Enterprise and our staff team have been working hard to create exciting learning opportunities. Keep an eye out for updates on Twitter and do ask your child(ren) to share with you what they have been doing in class linked to Maths Week Scotland.

## Pupil Equity Fund

We have submitted our Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) plan to the local authority and we hope to hear this week whether this plan has been approved. Our plan is focussed on using our allocated PEF to build towards learners in Lorne having 1:1 iPads.

To support us with this plan, we are gathering a lot of information across the school and going through an audit process, part of this involves sending out a digital access survey. We appreciate that a survey was sent out during the school closure but the survey that we are sending out this week is more detailed and will support us with building our digital strategy at Lorne.

Please can you ensure that you support us by completing this. Do contact school if you need support to complete this.

## Coorie In

Back by popular demand, Lorne's 'Coorie In' starts again on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This will be live at 1pm on the school's YouTube channel. This is aimed at children and families of learners in Nursery, Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 but everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Crazy Readers

We plan to reintroduce Crazy Readers for our learners in Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 and this will be likely to follow Coorie In on a Friday afternoon. We will be in touch soon with more details but if your children have any suggestions we would love to hear them.

### Just Words

We are continuing to consider how best to reach as many parents/carers as we can with an online group specially for you. Attendance at 'Just Words' last term was low (understandable in the circumstances) but feedback was really positive so we intend to build on this. Again, more details to follow about this and about the restarting of our free English classes for parents and carers.

If you have any thoughts for us to consider how we might best run any of the online book groups/sessions, please email Mrs Browning by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at [Penelope.browning@lorne.edin.sch.uk](mailto:Penelope.browning@lorne.edin.sch.uk)

### KIC Forms/Data Collection Forms

Thank you to everyone that has already returned these forms. If you have not completed these forms, can we please remind you to do so as soon as possible and send them back to school with your child.

If you need a new KIC form/data collection form please do contact the school office (0131 554 2308).

### Home Learning (homework)

Teachers have shared home learning (homework) grids on Microsoft Teams. Learners will be able to access their home learning (homework) through their Office 365 accounts, on Microsoft Teams. If your child does not have their username and password for Office 365 please let us know via the school admin account ([admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk)).

Learners have an allocated 'home learning sharing' slot on a Friday in class where they can share which activity they have chosen to complete.

### Twitter

Lorne Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found **@LorneSchool**. We enjoy sharing learning regularly on Twitter and feel it is a great opportunity for you to see the learning that is taking place across the school. **Please do have a look, follow us and feel free to share any pictures of learning you have too.**

### YouTube

Lorne Primary School has a YouTube channel. Staff continue to add short videos regularly to support learning and this is where 'Coorie In' will go live on Fridays. **To access the school's YouTube channel, search for Lorne Primary School on YouTube.**

### Parent Pay

ParentPay is another way that we are communicating with Lorne families. We will send out letters, newsletters, emails, etc. via ParentPay so please do check this regularly.

Thank you to all families that are booking lunches via ParentPay. Remember that lunches need to be booked by Wednesday for the following week. If you are not yet doing this and require support, please do contact the office.

### Start Times

#### **Front Playground** (Lorne Street)

Primary 1 - 9.05am

Primary 2 - 9.00am

Primary 3 - 8.50am

#### **Back Playground** (Jameson Place)

Nursery - 8.25am

Primary 4 - 8.55am

Primary 5 - 8.55am

Primary 6 - 8.55am

Primary 7 - 8.50am

If your child is a little late (up to 9.10am) to arrive to school, they should wait at the front gate (Lorne Street). A PSA will collect and ensure that they make their way safely to their class.

If your child will arrive to school **after 9.10am**, please wait with your child at the front gate and phone the school. A member of staff will come to collect your child.

### Finish Times

#### **Front Playground** (Lorne Street)

Primary 1 – 2.55pm (M-Th) 12.15pm (F)

Primary 2 – 3pm (M-Th) 12.05pm (F)

Primary 3 – 3.15pm (M-Th)

#### **Back Playground** (Jameson Place)

Nursery – 3.10pm (M-Th) 10.55am (F)

Primary 3 – 12.05pm (F)

Primary 4 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)

Primary 5 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)

Primary 6 – 3.20pm (M-Th) 12.10pm (F)

Primary 7 – 3.15pm (M-Th) 12.05pm (F)

Please contact the school if you are running late to collect your child. Children that should leave from the back playground will be brought to the front playground if they are not collected at their allocated time.

### School Uniform

Having pride in being a Lorne learner is an important part of our school and it is great to see so many of our children back to school in their school uniforms. **All children should wear school uniform Monday to**



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**Friday.** Jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, white polo t-shirts all with the Lorne Primary School badge can all be purchased online at;

[www.superlogo.co.uk/shops/schools/lorne-primary-school-edinburgh](http://www.superlogo.co.uk/shops/schools/lorne-primary-school-edinburgh)

If you require support with school uniform, please contact the school.

## **Food Parcels**

We have re-established our FareShare deliveries to school. Primary 6F have been packing up the food that we receive from FareShare and placing the bags on the fence on both the front playground and back playground on a Thursday. Please do help yourself to these.

If you are at all concerned about access to food then please do get in touch with school via the admin email account ([admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lorne.edin.sch.uk)) as we have a team of staff that can provide help/support.

## **41<sup>st</sup> Rainbows, Brownies and Guides**

The local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides unit is based in Pilrig Park School on Balfour Place. They have been around for almost 100 years having started in the closed church next door to Lorne, then in Lorne Primary School for 10 years before being moved by the council to Pilrig Park School.

At the moment, they cannot hold normal weekly meetings but invite you to register as names can be held on a waiting list ready for online or face to face meetings when guidance allows.

Your daughter can be registered by logging into [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) parents section and choosing 41<sup>st</sup> Unit as your first choice. Alternatively, emailing [dorothynewleith@outlook.com](mailto:dorothynewleith@outlook.com) and you will be supported to do this.

## **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 كينڈر**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Maths Week Scotland

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Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Lee Goodfellow (Active Schools Coordinator) is in school supporting classes

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Holiday Week

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**  
In-service Day (no learners in school)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
Mr Dominguez start with us at Lorne as our 'Closing the Gap' teacher. He will be in Lorne every Wednesday and Thursday until the Christmas break.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
Christmas break

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**  
In-service Day (no learners in school)

**Take care and stay safe!**

