

Newsletter

March 2021



Dear Parent / Carer

Well, March is nearly over and I am sure you will agree that it has been nice to see some Spring sunshine finally. Let's hope it continues!

We welcomed back the rest of our pupils on 15th March and how lovely it was to see our P4-P7 pupils in school. It also meant the return to school for our staff who had been working from home, supporting pupils on Google classroom and with home learning. The school has felt very quiet without all of our pupils in it! I would once again like to thank each and every one of you for the positive support and comments received with regards to how home learning went for you/your children and also about how the children have been excited about their return to school.



Just a small reminder, that as before, children bring as few personal items into school as possible. PE lessons will happen outdoors as under current rules, we are unable to use our PE hall. Therefore, we ask that children come into school dressed appropriately with suitable clothing and footwear.

We recently purchased a Mud Kitchen for our children to play with in the playground. This has proved to be a popular item for our children to play with and they have been really enjoying playing with it this week. The kitchen arrived a week ago but sadly parts of the kitchen and utensils have already been broken by children treating it in a disrespectful manner. Going forward we may need to contact relevant parents and ask that they make a contribution to the school to pay for any damage that has been caused. We cannot continue to have school property broken by children, without approaching parents to request that they assist us with paying to replace the item/s or have them repaired.

We have recently updated our playground equipment and our children are really enjoying outdoor play. Our Learning Assistants are taking boxes of equipment out into the playground for the children to access and encouraging the children to use it – all of the contents are being sprayed with antibacterial spray and the boxes are used within the class bubbles to maintain covid-safe play. We are hoping to order more equipment after our Easter break for children to enjoy in our summer term. Let's hope the sun shines and there is lots of outdoor play!



We have been given permission for our Breakfast Club to be up and running after the school Easter break. Only those parents who have been contacted regarding their children attending again should send their children to breakfast club. Those parents will be sent a letter home with details regarding times and any other arrangements.

We had a very successful Red Nose Day organised by Mr McCutcheon and our P3s. A few donations are still coming in, but we have raised in the region of £500!! We had red noses, jokes and dressing up – a really fun time for all involved! I hope you all managed to view our school video of favourite cheesy jokes! A huge thank you again to Mr McCutcheon and P3 for all of their hard work.

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



Thank you for the donations of paint to paint our picnic benches. We are hoping to paint them over the Easter holiday, dates/times to follow if this is going ahead. So, get your brushes and overalls ready! Let's make our school grounds look fresh and lovely for the summer months coming!

Due to Covid restrictions, we are currently in discussion with our P7 teachers regarding our leaver's events. We would normally have a leaver's event in school, church service and Prom. We do know that there will definitely be no Leavers Prom but there will be a replacement event organised. As soon as we have further information, we will let you know. We have some very enthusiastic P7 teachers so watch this space.....!

Our P5s will be leading our Easter Assembly – which, due to Covid will be via zoom in school and sadly, not at Lasswade Church as we would normally have it. We are looking forward to seeing our P5 pupils and what they have to showcase.

Easter



We break for Easter on Thursday 1st April 2021 and pupils and staff are due to return to school on Tuesday 20th April 2021. I would like to wish everyone a peaceful and rested break and look forward to seeing everyone when they return after the break. I hope that the weather is kind to us and we can enjoy as much outdoor activity as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Mellon

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