**Loanhead Primary School**

**November 2021 Newsletter**

As it becomes darker and colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and suitable shoes. We are sitting in one class all day and we are trying to get outside in the fresh air as much as possible!

COVID GUIDELINES

We had hoped that we would return to school after the October break to a relaxation of guidance. Unfortunately this has not been the case and we are continuing to follow guidance put in place just before the October holiday.

LEARNING TRIOS

We are excited to resume face to face parent contact and hope you have received your appointment for Wednesday or Friday. Please follow the guidance we issued with your information;

* Enter by classroom doors via the playground
* Sanitise hands and, unless exempt, wear a face covering
* Only one adult with a child to attend
* **YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND**

Any questions around these arrangements – please call the school office and ask for Mrs Donnelly.

STAFF

Welcome to Miss Wilson our new Learning Assistant in Primary 4. Welcome, also to Heather who supports Primary 2 on a Monday.

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS ***Care, Honesty, Inclusion, Learning and Development***

Congratulations to the following who were awarded Head Teacher awards for October; P1 Heidi for Care, P2 Elliott for Learning, P3 Lucy for Inclusion, P4 Paddy for Development, P5 Sara for Learning, P6 Finn for Care and P7 Leon for Development.

REMEMBRANCE

Poppies will be on sale in each classroom. Suggested donation is £1 but please feel free to donate what you can afford. Initially pupils may only purchase 1 poppy each.

The Primary 7 pupils will lead a remembrance assembly on Thursday 11th November, all classes, across campus, will participate in this through ZOOM.

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER CHILDREN IN NEED

Primary 6 will be organising some fundraising for this. Please keep an eye out for an email with more details in the week or so.

PE

We can now use our gym halls for PE, but are advised that the preference is for us to be outdoors. During the dark winter months we will be outside for PE as much as possible as daylight has such a positive effect on our wellbeing. Please send your child with warm clothing on PE days.

VENTILATION

All classes have windows open all day to allow fresh air in and stale air out. Some pupils are finding it a bit cold, please pack an extra jumper into school bags for such times, as working in coats can be quite cumbersome. We also have CO2 monitors in classrooms to alert us to any build up of CO2. This is easily rectified by opening more windows or doors.

LOANHEAD PARENT COUNCIL

The parent council meeting on Wednesday 17th November will be held on ZOOM at 7pm Meeting ID 361 596 0647 Passcode 346758

**Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)**

Monday 1st November – Poppy bus P7

Monday 1st November – flu vaccinations in school

Wednesday 22nd December – Term 1 ends 3.15pm

**Thursday 23rd December – Friday 7th January - HOLIDAY**

Monday 10th January – Inservice Day – staff only attend

Tuesday 11th January – 8.50am all return

**Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February – HOLIDAY**

Monday 21st February- 8.50am all return

Friday 8th April – Term 2 ends 12.25pm

**Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April - HOLIDAY**

Monday 25th April – all return 8.50am

**Monday 2nd May – HOLIDAY**

Monday 23rd May - Inservice Day – staff only attend

**Friday 3rd June – HOLIDAY QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Thursday 30th June – Term 3 ends 3.15pm