

Lochdonhead Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

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DEAR PARENTS

We are so glad to welcome you all back to Lochdonhead Primary! The children seem delighted to be back and eager to learn as usual. The children will be spending more time outdoors so it's wonderful to see the weather improve and days getting longer.

I would like to express my thanks to each and every one of you for supporting your child through lockdown. It was super seeing all the learning on Seesaw that was going on at home.

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to chat over any areas of concern. Also be assured that no matter which school I am in, I can be contacted at any time.

For point of reference, the telephone number for Ulva Primary School is - 01688 500 246 and my mobile numbers are 079029 44626 and 077866 85227.



Susie Carmichael,
Head Teacher



COVID-19

Individuals should not attend school if they feel unwell.

The main symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Can we please remind you to maintain the 2m distance between families while waiting at the school gates and always wear a face covering.



If your child is absent from school it is important that the office is contacted on the morning of absence before 9:15am if possible. This procedure is in place for the safety and security of pupils. You will receive a telephone call or text message if no call is received. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

PICK UP / DROP OFF

Parents / carers should avoid coming into the school grounds unless it is essential. Can you please drop your child off at the school gate no earlier than 9.10am for a 9.15am start.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Helen Ramage, our Catering Manager, will provide a lunch menu for 3 weeks. If you would like to order a school lunch please contact Gemma Paterson at the office. We request that payment is made online.

WATER & SNACKS

Children are encouraged to drink water at any time throughout the day. Please send in a water bottle to school where it can be refilled. We would ask that juices are kept for lunchtimes only.

At present we will not be providing healthy snacks. Can you please therefore provide a healthy snack for your child.

LAST TERM

The pupils and staff of Lochdonhead Primary School have had a good start to the year.

Our live sessions went well with the pupils accessing live meets at regular points throughout the day with Ms Bidwell and Miss French. The weekly timetable also allowed for independent time to work at home on tasks set by the teacher and a daily catch up with pupils and staff.

SUMDOG CHAMPIONS!

We're absolutely delighted to let you all know that...

Lochdonhead Primary School won the Argyll and Bute Maths Challenge on Sumdog in January!

Out of 158 classes entered from across Argyll and Bute, Lochdonhead Primary School came first, with a score of 609 points earned by the children answering maths questions on the Sumdog app during the contest week, which ended at 8pm on Thursday 21st January 2021.

Every single pupil in the school took part and we are so very proud of you all.

The children have worked so hard, answering the questions and their skills in maths continue to improve - thank you so much to the parents for their support and encouragement with this too.

Congratulations!



THIS TERM

PE KIT

We will be having PE mainly outside this term. Please provide your child with suitable PE clothes for this. The learning this term will be basketball skills.



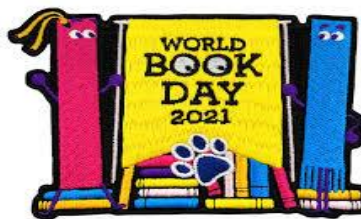
HEALTH & WELLBEING

This term we will be focussing on the transition back to school and the children's emotional and mental wellbeing. We will be working through the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators and the children are discussing when they feel Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. We will be asking the children to bring in their favourite book to share and we will be enjoying lots of super literacy fun and games.



CONSERVATION GARDEN

We will be spending time this term improving our conservation garden and making it a safe and suitable environment for wildlife and pupils! The children have come up with wonderful ideas as to how we can improve on this area and further develop our rich learning resource.

PARENT COUNCIL

The post holders for the Parent Council are:

Chair - Emma Alecock

Secretary - vacancy

Social Media - Elissa Keenan

Treasurer - Gemma Paterson

WORKING WITH PARENTS

As you know we are very keen indeed to involve you in any way we can in the working life of the school. Unfortunately, at present, we have been advised against non-essential visitors to the school. We will therefore be getting in touch with you online for your thoughts and views. I am happy to organise a Google Meet for the next Parent Council meeting.

For more information, and many more photos, please visit our blog on <https://lochdonprimaryschool.wordpress.com>

REPORTING

We will be continuing with 'Seesaw' as a reporting tool. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

We will send out a full written report in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

15.2.21 - In-service

16.2.21 - Schools open

4.3.21 - World Book Day

1.4.21 - Schools close

19.4.21 - Schools open

27.5.21 - Schools close

28.5.21 - In-service

31.5.21 - Holiday

1.6.21 - Schools open

30.6.21 - Schools close

30.6.21 - Schools close

12.8.21 & 13.8.21 - In-service

16.8.21 - Schools open