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***Lorne Street Values***

***RESPECT***

 ***RESPONSIBILITY***

***KINDNESS***

***TRUTHFULNESS***

***DIARY DATES***

**Maths Week Scotland**

10th – 14th September

**14th September**

Rag Bag Collection

**September Weekend**

School Closed Friday 21st and Monday 24th September 2018

**October Week**

School Closed Monday 15th to Friday 19th October (inclusive)

# Lorne Street Primary Newsletter

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As part of the strong relationship, Lorne Street Primary has with parents/carers, I would be more than happy to discuss any concerns you have with regard to any aspect of school life. Please feel free to make an appointment via phone or e-mail and we will do our best to try and help.

STAFFING

We welcome back Miss Deol who is now a permanent member of staff at Lorne Street. Miss Deol will teach P1. We also welcome two probationer teachers Mrs Ridyard who is teaching P2 and Miss Cooper who is teaching P5. Mrs Gunn will also teach P2 for part of the week and Mrs Marigo will teach P5 for part of the week.

SCHOOL ROLE

The school role at the moment is 196 and pupils are organised between eight classes:-

P1 Miss Deol

P1/2 Ms Zokas

P2/3 Mrs Ridyard/Mrs Gunn

P3 Miss Clark

P4 Mr Mclay

P5 Miss Cooper/Mrs Marigo

P6 Mrs Anwar

P7 Mrs Mackay

Mrs Mackay will teach French to P6 and P7, (Mr McLay will teach French to P5) and Ms Tarbert PT will be working on raising attainment in language as part of our Pupil Equity Funding. Ms Akhtar will teach ICT to some classes and provide Learning Support to some pupils. Mrs Murphy will continue to work on a part time basis supporting children who have English as an Additional Language. Mrs Graham, Mrs Quinn Ms Seghal and Miss Frew will continue with their Support for Learning Worker roles and work in a variety of classes. Mrs Hunter will continue to work in the school office. Mr McDonald will continue as school janitor and Mr Orr as lollipop person.

STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT

It is compulsory that schools within Glasgow City Council produce a Standards and Quality report. This provides a brief outline on the school and the achievements made in the last year as well as where the school currently stands in relation to some aspects of teaching and learning.

If you are interested in finding out more, this can be requested from the school office.

 SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is a great way to communicate as much information as possible. We will soon be using the Lorne Street Primary School website a lot more to share information.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance of all pupils is always closely monitored. Our attendance rate for 2017/2018 was 91.6%. As you will be aware, Glasgow City Council has a strong push on improving children’s level of attendance. We would ask the parents do their best to ensure that they seldom or never take children on holiday during term time. Term time holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absences as following Glasgow City Council policy.

 We ask if you could phone the Pupil Absence Reporting Line Service on 0141 287 0039. You can call this line each day from 8am. This is to ensure that both parents/carers and staff always whether a child is supposed to be at home or school on a particular day. I recently sent out an information sheet on how to report different types of absences online. Please follow the guidelines.

If there are any concerns regarding the level of a child’s absence, the depending on the circumstances, the school may contact the Attendance Officer who would then get in touch with the parent/carer of that child.

Mrs Tarbert and Mrs Graham will continue to monitor late coming on a daily basis and record the names of any children who are late. Mrs Tarbert will also continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils in the school.

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The improvement plan for the forthcoming session has now been finalised. Our priorities for the coming year are:-

* Maths

Develop maths throughout the whole school community in line with the Glasgow Counts model.

* Reading

Develop reading throughout the school in line with the improvement challenge.

* Moderation, Tracking, Assessment and Self Evaluation

Extend and progress work in the above areas to ensure robust systems are in place.

A copy of the plan will soon be on display at the main reception area and it will soon be loaded onto the school website. A copy can also be requested from the school office. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

PE KIT

School pupils will have 2 hours of PE every week. Class newsletters will notify you of specific days.

Can I remind you that jewellery cannot be worn during PE lessons and it may be a good idea that on PE days, jewellery is not worn at school at all.

WATER

As you know we encourage children to drink water during the school day to help learning. Children should bring water with them every day if possible.

 PARENT HELPERS

I believe it is crucial that we build up as many partnerships with parents as possible. We would be delighted to hear from any parent or carer who feels that they would be able to contribute to the life of the school in some way. Have you a talent that you can share with a class, run an afterschool club or want to help planting in the playground. If you are available to help at any point this session, please fill in the attached pro forma.

COMMUNICATION

We are aware that at times we send a lot of information home via the school bags. Some forms are essential to the running of the school, eg trip/extra-curricular activity permission forms and require your signature. We would very much appreciate the prompt return of these forms to the school office. Other leaflets often come from Glasgow City Council or other local agencies and provide information which you or your child may decide to act on and which are offering opportunities out with the school environment.

NEWSLETTERS

The school newsletter is always produced in the first few days of each month and we try to give you all the information you require for the month ahead.

MEDICATION

 Can we please remind you that it is Glasgow City Council policy that no medication (prescribed or non-prescribed) can be either self-administered or given voluntarily to your child by school staff without your prior written agreement. The relevant forms can be obtained from the school office.

UNIFORM

Children look very smart as they continue to wear the school uniform. We are also very impressed that children are wearing their uniform every day. This really helps show how proud the children are of their school. We will continue to monitor closely that pupils are wearing their school uniform.

We will have a non-uniform day on the last Friday of every month. It would be much appreciated if children could bring in £1 on this day which will go towards the school fund. A reminder will go out at the start of each non-uniform week.

There will be a tuck shop on this day where children can purchase juice, crisps etc. Thank you all for your continued support.

HOLIDAY DATES

Friday 21st and Monday 24th September 2018 School Closed

Monday 15th to Friday 19th October (inclusive) School Closed

 ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Can we please remind all parents and carers that it is school policy that no ICT gadgets such as mobile phones or i-pads are to be used during school hours and on the school premises.

The school is not insured for any damage to such items.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

PARENT COUNCIL

We have an active Parent Council who work hard to support the school. If you would like to be kept up to date about Parent Council matters by e-mail, please email lornestreetparentcouncil@outlook.com. The Parent Council will add you to the mailing list which will mean that you will get access to meeting agendas, minutes etc.

We are keen to recruit more parents on to the Parent Council. If you are interested please email the Parent Council or pop into the school and ask to speak to Mr Nicolson.

The Parent Council have now arranged evening meeting dates to hopefully make it easier for more parents to come along. This session’s meetings are planned as follows:

Monday 27th August, 2018 at 6pm

Monday 17th September, 2018 at 6pm

Monday 29th October, 2018 at 6pm

Monday 26th November, 2018 at 6pm

Monday 17th December, 2018 at 6pm

Monday 28th January, 2019 at 6pm

Monday 18th February, 2019 at 6pm

Monday 25th March, 2019 at 6pm

Monday 15th April, 2019 at 6pm

Monday 27th May, 2019 at 6pm

Monday 17th June, 2019 at 6pm

Thank you for your support.

MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND

We have lots of exciting activities planned this week for Maths Week Scotland. Please tweet us pictures of your children completing the practical maths homework tasks. We would also love if parents, carers, grandparents popped in to visit us in school to see some of the maths resources that we use.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Council has increased free school meals to include P4. This means that all P1 – P4 pupils are now entitled to a free school lunch.

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**PARENT/CARERS COMMENTS SHEET**

Please use this slip for requests for more information or your opinion on how we are performing.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**I am available to volunteer to help in school.**

**Name:**

**Contact telephone:**

**Child’s name Class:**

**Days Available:**