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MAY UPDATE

Dear Parent

Please note the following:

School Calendar Term 3

Monday 2 May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 May	Closed for Assembly Election
Friday 6 May	Staff Training Day-closed for pupils
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 May	Staff Training Day-closed for pupils
Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June	Closed for late Bank Holiday and Jubilee
Thursday 30 June	School Closes at 12:15pm

- **Crossing Patrol:** Please note there will be no crossing patrol next week (3 and 4 May). Please ensure your child's safety when crossing the road.
- **Dairy Dates-School Trip to Edinburgh:** Parents' Meeting **Monday 9 May at 8:00pm.**
- **School Photographer:** We have been in touch with the photographer regarding P7 fun packs and individual photos. Dates and detail to be confirmed by him next week.
- P7 should receive their Post Primary School notification on **Saturday 21 May.**
- **Sports Day- Wednesday 1 June:** At this stage we are planning a Jubilee themed day, followed by a Colour Run for both pupils and parents (and probably staff!). We did this three years ago as a sponsorship event which proved to be a lot of fun! There were many requests from parents indicating that they would have loved to have taken part. You'll have your chance now! More details to follow from the PTA.
- **P7 Leavers' Assembly: Friday 24 June 2022** - More details will be sent out closer to the time. Last day for P7s will be **Tuesday 28 June.**
- **Joseph the Musical:** Despite a few stops and starts along the way we are so pleased that after a two-year wait, P5-7 can bring you "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". This is planned for two nights in June (provisionally) Wednesday 15 to Thursday 16 June. More details to follow.

A rehearsal with the full cast is scheduled for Friday 13 May 2:00-5:00pm. Please ensure that ALL children attend. Staff are giving up their own time to facilitate this; it only works if we have the cast in front of us!! A snack will be provided to see them through to tea time.

- **Ukraine Aid:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal for food just before the Easter Holidays. As usual Loanends' parents are very generous; it's lovely to be able to show our support to others in times of crisis.
- **School Uniform:** We will soon be opening the school online shop for the sale of uniforms for next term. A separate communication will be sent out next week with costs and information.
- **Car Park:** We have had a growing number of complaints from parents (and indeed local residents) about how other parents drive or park in the car park. We keep issuing the same pleas and for most people they do take this on board. Thank you! The minority of parents disregard the fact that rules are in place for safety, not simply to be awkward! It is your responsibility to take due care and consideration and be mindful of our pupils' safety

I also keep asking for parents **NOT** to drive into or park in the staff car park. There are still a few who decide this doesn't apply to them and come in regardless. The staff car park must be kept free for the school bus and for the few parents and nurseries who have got special dispensation. There are not enough spaces to meet every individual request; we will prioritise the needs of our pupils first.

Please adhere to this and relay this information to anyone who collects your son or daughter. I will keep putting the message out there in the hope that someday we have total compliance...

- **Passports:** Unfortunately, the Principal or teachers no longer can sign passports. This is regrettable but this is the advice that has been given to us.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** School opens at 8:45am. Pupils are parents' responsibility until then. Just a reminder that parents SHOULD NOT enter the playground; pupils should be left at the side gate.
- **Absences:** We would be very grateful if you could provide a written reason for absence in order to keep our registers up to date. If a reason isn't provided, the pupil will be marked with an "n" code (No reason given). For ease of administration, please use the tear off slips to provide reasons(s) for absence and return to the class teacher. These are available on the school website. Click on the PARENT TAB then select FORMS. Absences are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer. "Miss School Miss Out Strategy" highlights the following:

95% attendance = 9 days' absence

85% attendance = 28 days' absence

90% attendance = 19 days' absence

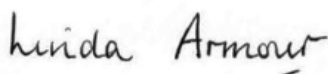
80% attendance = 38 days' absence

Taking family holidays during term time is not recommended and I cannot grant permission for such requests. I would therefore advise parents to arrange holidays outside of term time. Should parents decide to take holidays during term time, this must be put in writing to the Principal and will be held on file and copied to the EWO if required. **Teachers will not provide work in advance.** The worksheets and home works that have been missed can be requested when a pupil returns from holiday and not before departure.

We all have a collective responsibility in trying to achieve high standards of attendance.

- **May Menu 2022:** Please find attached the May Menu for School Dinners. School meals should be booked and paid for in advance. We appreciate that this isn't always possible. If a meal is booked 'late' through the school office/kitchen, please pay any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **After School Activities:** This information is posted on our website (under the News Tab). Please print off or read through for your records. A new list will be issued shortly for Term 3.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Armour
Principal

PRIMARY MENU LOANENDS

2022 MAY

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 02/05/2022	SCHOOL CLOSED	Salmon Fish Fingers Garden Peas Mashed Potatoes Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Watermelon Slice & Yoghurt	Steak Burger in Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Spiced Cubed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Salad	FINGER BUFFET CHOICE OF SANDWICH CHICKEN GOUJON COCKTAIL SAUSAGES PIZZA SLICE CARROT STICKS CHOCOLATE COOKIE	SCHOOL CLOSED
Week Two 09/05/2022	Fish Fingers OR Savory Mince, Mashed Potatoes & Garden Peas Watermelon Slice & Yoghurt	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with Choice of Filling & salad Carrot Sticks Date Krispie Orange Wedge	Roast Turkey with Stuffing Baton Carrots ,Broccoli, Mashed and Oven Baked Roas Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognaise, Side Salad with Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Swiss Roll with Berries	Baked Sausages Beans , Side Salad , Chips Or Tomato Pasta Bake Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Three 16/05/2022	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Sauce OR Tuna & salad Baguette Ice Cream & Watermelon	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with Choice of Filling & salad Carrot Sticks Date Krispie Orange Wedge	Roast Pork with Stuffing Baton Carrots ,Broccoli, Mashed and Oven Baked Roas Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	FINGER BUFFET CHOICE OF SANDWICH CHICKEN GOUJON COCKTAIL SAUSAGES PIZZA SLICE CARROT STICKS CHOCOLATE COOKIE	Chicken Bites , Beans , Chips Carrot Sticks Side Salad Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Four 23/05/2022	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Ice Cream & Watermelon	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with Choice of Filling & salad Carrot Sticks Date Krispie Orange Wedge	Cheese and Tomato Pizza OR Tomato Pasta Bake Cucumber Sticks Side Salad, Chips Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

If a healthy alternative to chips is required on Fridays a baked potato will be provided if requested.

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance

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