



## Loanends Primary School

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### MAY UPDATE

1 May 2024

Dear Parent

Please note the following:

#### School Calendar Term 3

<b>Monday 6 May</b>	Closed for Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	Staff Training- closed for pupils
<b>Monday 27 May</b>	Closed for Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May</b>	Staff Training- closed for pupils
<b>Friday 28 June</b>	School Closes at 12:15pm

- **Crossing Patrol:** Please note there will be no crossing patrol between 8 and 10 May 2024. Please ensure your child's safety when crossing the road.
- **School Trip to Edinburgh:** Parents' Meeting **Wednesday 1 May at 7:00pm.**
- **Wacky Hair Day:** -Friday 3 May 2024. Refer to Seesaw message sent on 23 April 2024.
- P7 should receive their Post Primary School notification on **Saturday 18 May.**
- **P7 ENTRANCE TESTS**
  - **SEAG Registration Opens:** Monday 20 May 2024 @ 8:00am
  - **SEAG Registration Closes:** Friday 20 September 2024@ 11:59pm
- **School Uniform:** Information for purchasing school uniform and PE kits to follow shortly.
- **Cash for Clobber Reminder** – At LPS we have registered for the 'Cash for Clobber' scheme run by Cookstown Textiles in conjunction with Eco Schools NI. The programme aims to teach school children the environmental and social benefits of recycling while helping those less fortunate and raising significant valuable funds for the school. The school gets 40p for every Kilogram and at the end of the school year, the organisation with the most 'clobber' wins an extra £1500. If you have any old clothes, bedding, curtains, shoes or handbags, you can put them into either one of the 50 'Cash for Clobber' bags available via the office, or alternatively you can put them in a sturdy bin bag. Please leave items into school at your own convenience and we will arrange for them to be collected. Please note, no duvets, pillows or soiled items should be included. Thank you in advance!
- **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.

- **PROTOCOLS:** You are already familiar with the protocols of referring FS/KST1 matters to Mrs Watson and KST2 queries to Mr Hyde. Of course, your concern or query should always, in the first instance, be addressed to the class teacher. It would be most helpful, if you could give some indication of the nature of your query to the Secretary, so that the appropriate member of staff can prioritise responses. Any SEN enquiries should be directed to Mrs Hegarty.
- **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. Please do inform us in advance if children won't be in school. Increasingly, we have only discovered pupil absences through casual conversations and haven't actually been informed by parents. Please be mindful that teachers carry out assessments in May and therefore, to aid planning, it is important to know if children will be away from school on holiday. At times, other EA support services need to be informed so that they too can change their timetable and not have a wasted journey.

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

- **PARKING:** Local residents have raised concerns about parents parking directly outside their driveway obstructing their view on the main road as they exit. I am asking that you are courteous and considerate and avoid parking within the yellow markings to allow residents a safe exit from their own driveway. Don't be offended if you are asked to move. Residents are considering taking this matter to the Council. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.
- **May Menu 2024:** Please refer to the website for the May Menu for School Dinners. School meals and healthy breaks 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.
- **Advance Notice:** Sports Day- Friday 7 June. More details to follow.
- **Advance Notice: P7 Leavers' Assembly: Friday 21 June 2024 at 9:30am** - More details will be sent out closer to the time. Last day for P7s will be **Tuesday 25 June at 3:00pm.**

Yours sincerely

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