

April update

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School Calendar – Term 3



Monday 14 April	School closes at 12:15pm for Easter holidays
Monday 5 May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 May	Staff Training - closed for pupils
Monday 26 May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 27 May and Wednesday 28 May	Staff Training - closed for pupils
Tuesday 24 June	P7s last day. Finish at 3:00pm
Monday 30 June	School Closes at 12:15pm for Summer holidays

School Bus

Please inform Brian if you child is not travelling on the bus on any given day. This is a courtesy and will avoid delays and mix ups in the afternoons. Thank you!



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.



Lateness

LATENESS is still an ongoing problem. Please ensure you child is in school promptly at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded and shows on the pupil's electronic attendance record. After consultation with the Education Welfare Officer, who monitors attendance, I may write to parents to ask them to make improvements.

Reminder



Dogs should not be brought onto the school premises - except for Guide Dogs.

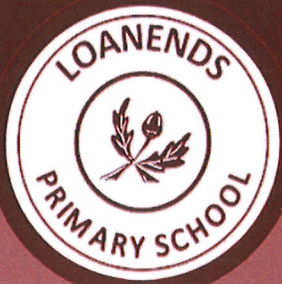
Lost Property

We have a FULL lost property box which includes coats, welly boots, water bottles etc. Please feel free to call into the foyer to check if your child has lost an item. It is important that all belongings are labelled to help identify us reunite with their owners. Unclaimed items will be disposed of at Easter.



Standardised Tests

STANDARDISED TESTS: During April and May most classes complete standardised tests which generates important data for all of us. At times, this information can be used to support SEN applications to EA or by Post -Primary Schools who may look at data over a three-year period, if additional information is required. Pupils therefore should only be off school if it is essential. Trying to reschedule tests for absent pupils is very difficult as classes are given slots to complete these on a given day. We would appreciate your support with this.



School Attendance and Absences

- Absences: Please provide a written reason for absence so we may keep our registers up to date - It is quick and easy from our website.
- Family Holidays are not recommended during term time and I cannot grant permission for such requests. 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 monitored by the EWO. Teachers will not provide work in advance - missed work can be requested when a pupil returns from holiday.



Protocols

Please refer FS/KSTI matters to Mrs Watson and KST2 queries to Mr Hyde. Of course, your concern or query should always be addressed to the class teacher in the first instance.

It would be helpful to give an 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. Please bear in mind Mrs Hegarty works part-time Tuesday-Thursday.



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Advance Notices:



SPORTS DAY: Friday 6 June. If you can help with the PTA BBQ for parents, please contact the school office or any member of the PTA.

P7 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY: Friday 20 June at 9:30am. More details will be sent out closer to the time. Last day for P7s will be Tuesday 24 June at 3:00pm.



Hopefully you have heard your child speak about our core values at home - they reflect who we are! We have been actively trying to communicate these and teach our pupils what they look like in practice. Adults and pupils should embrace these and strive to live them out day by day. They are very much part of our ethos; so far, we have worked on achieving, child-centred, respect, inclusive, dedicated and caring. The focus for April is still 'supportive'. Perhaps take a moment to discuss this at home and think about how we can show this. Please keep an eye on the school website for photos of the monthly board display.