



Lanark Primary School and Early Learning & Childcare



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A Warm Welcome

Welcome back to all staff, parents and pupils as we begin our new session here at Lanark Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and looking very smart in their uniforms. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday.

A very warm welcome to our new pupils in the ELC setting, our new P1s who are starting their school life and to all pupils who have joined us throughout classes P2-7. I have been particularly impressed at how well everyone, including parents/carers, have settled into the rules and routines of school life! I hope you all have a fantastic year!

Staffing

As detailed before the holidays, there are a few staff changes this year. We extend a warm welcome to Mr Shanks (P5/4) and Miss Speedie (P5). We welcome back Mrs Adamson who will be working in P1. We will also have a number of additional teachers providing support and additional teaching throughout the session- welcome all!

Annual Data Checks

It is very important that we have the most up-to-date contact and medical information on record. Please return forms to the school as soon as possible- checking all contact numbers are correct.

Our Vision & Values

At Lanark Primary School and ELC, learning is at the heart of all we do. We strive to provide rich learning experiences that build confidence and self-belief. We foster a 'can do' attitude which enables everyone to reach their full potential.

We work in strong partnership with our parents and the wider community to ensure that all feel safe, included and valued within our school community...and beyond.

Here at Lanark, pupils, staff, parents and our wider school community believe that these values underpin this vision:

Good Manners	Learning	Working Hard
Teamwork	Active	Responsibility
Trust & Honesty	Respect	Kindness

Volunteers in School

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the school or on trips. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in! It can be for one-off events or something more regular- all help is welcome!

Reporting Pupil Absence



If your child is unable to attend school for any reason you should let us know by 9:30am (01555 662806). Again, please keep us informed of any changes to your contact details. A text will be sent out if a child is absent from school to the main contact if the school does not know the reason for the absence. When the parent/carer receives the text, they should contact the school by phone. If no phone call is received the school will send a letter to the parent/ carer asking them to get in touch. In certain circumstances, the school may seek advice from other agencies.

Please note that these procedures are part of South Lanarkshire Council's Policy for Managing Pupil Absence.

Book Club

As you may know, we operate a weekly book club that is run by parents. This involves children bringing in 50p each week for three weeks. On the collection of £1.50, children can choose from a wide range of books. Money is collected every Friday and will start again on Friday 24th August

Nil By Mouth Workshops

P6s and P7s from Lanark PS and St. Mary's PS will take part in specially created workshops on Wednesday 22nd August. These workshops will be delivered by Nil By Mouth, Scotland's Leading Anti-Sectarian Charity, to explore the ideas of discrimination and sectarianism in Scotland's society (see additional letter already issued). I'm sure you will agree this is a fantastic opportunity for partnership working between both schools and sectors.

Breakfast Club

We now run a **free** breakfast club every morning, 8.15-8.45am, for all P1-7 children. The menu consists of cereal, toast and fruit. Children should enter from the canteen for this club.



Mobile Phone/Technology Policy

Please see back of this newsletter.

Behaviour Systems

At Lanark, we want to notice and reward good behaviour. We have a positive attitude towards discipline and so have created our behaviour policy to reflect this.

All children will belong to one of four school Houses, Blue (Jerviswood), Green (Kildare), Red (Braxfield) or Yellow (Lockhart). Children are able to earn house points by showing excellent behaviour and/or attitude around the school. 25 point cards enable us to instantly reward children for positive behaviour at lunchtimes, or during lessons that take place out with the classroom.

As well as this, children may be chosen to be the Head Teacher's Star of the Week. This is to help celebrate the individual successes and efforts of our pupils to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

Another incentive for good behaviour is our Golden/Reward Time on a Friday afternoon where children are able to select activities as a reward. Each class will devise their own rules/charter. These will be related to the values of Lanark Primary School and the **UN Rights of the Child**.

There are, of course, always a few children who struggle with behaviour in any school. For these children, we like to work closely with parents/carers to help children to build up their self-esteem enough to give them the confidence to make right choices.

Go for Green

The 'Go for Green' scheme is an effective way of promoting positive behaviour, rewarding those pupils who consistently behave appropriately. It also allows us to track those pupils who find it harder to meet the school's expected behaviour.

The scheme is very visual, with child friendly resources which allow our pupils to easily see how they are doing in class. We believe that it is important to promote a positive message regarding behaviour management at all times- 'Go for Green' is a means of promoting our high expectations of positive behaviour. If a child has had a bad day, they can start back on green the following day. You will find a breakdown of the 'colours' we use below. If your child has not been able to remain on green on a particular day, you will be notified of this either through the diary, a note home or in some cases personal contact from the school.

Children can also earn certificates and rewards at the end of each term for consistent good behaviour.

Go for Green



Good Behaviour



Verbal Warning (still 'on green')



Yellow (5 minutes reflection time and 5 minutes from Golden Time)



Blue (reflection activity to be completed and 15 minutes from Golden Time)



Red (sent to Head Teacher/DHT which may result in a call/text home)

See Your Child At Work Day- Friday 14th September

On **Friday 14th September**, Lanark Primary School will 'open its doors' to parents and visitors in order to see the children in their new classes and meet their teacher(s). We hope you can come along!

The session will run from 1.45pm- 2.45pm. We will be asking all P1 parents/carers to come in earlier (1pm) for a curricular workshop- information to follow. There will be an additional session for our AM ELC children from 11am.



Twitter & Website

If you have not already done so, please follow us by searching for **LanarkPrimarySchool**. This provides a great way of seeing all that's happening here at our fantastic school and ELC!

For P7 parents/carers, this will be one of the main ways that we will be sharing your child's adventures at Lockerbie Manor! We also updated our website last year, which is full of lots of important information about the school and ELC- please keep checking it out. You'll find it at:

lanark-primary-school.org.uk

Reminders

- School dinners are provided free of charge for all P1-3 pupils and meals cost **£1.65** for pupils in P4-7. All parents must sign up to the cashless ParentPay system.
- Please label ALL items of clothing. As you can imagine the lost property box can be overflowing with jumpers, jackets, cardigans etc. after only a few weeks. Remember to check labels every so often as names often fade through washing.
- Please remember that Lanark is a nut free school. Please keep this in mind when choosing snacks and items for packed lunches (please note this includes spreads with nuts like Nutella and other supermarket equivalents).
- Please keep a clear space in front of the gates at pick up and drop off times, it can be very overwhelming for children to have to walk through a 'crowd', particularly if they are younger. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.

Dates for the Diary

August 2018

P6 and P7 Nil by Mouth Workshops- Wednesday 22nd

Parent Council Meeting 1- Monday 27th – 6.30-8pm

All week (beg 20th): New learners to start in ELC

September 2018

P7s to Manor Adventure: Monday 3rd – Friday 7th September

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 13th September

See Your Child At Work Day: Friday 14th September

Parent Council Meeting 2- Monday 17th – 6.30-8pm

September Weekend: Friday 21st -Monday 24th September (school closed)