



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 MacDonald (P3) Miss MacLeod (P5/4), Miss Walker and Miss Geddes in the ELC and Mrs Alison Snow/Miss Emma Anderson (School Support Assistants). We welcome back Ms Raeside and Mrs Bryce and Miss Rattray as Mrs Dunlop-congratulations to you both on your marriage over the summer. We will also have a number of additional students and 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

School App



Download our app – 'School App for Parents'. The app is linked to twitter and our website for news and dates. We will also send out important info via the app messaging service. Please allow push notifications to receive messages on your lock screen. Remember, this is the best way to get up-to-date information from the school!



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-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

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, calling 01555 662806 and choosing **Option 1**. 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 30th August.

Mobile Phone/Technology Policy

Please see back of this newsletter.

Change to Early May Bank Holiday

Next year's Early May Bank Holiday will be moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE day. Please note that this holiday will now be on **Friday 8th May**.

There are also two extra In-Service Days this session- see school calendar already issued.

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)

Back to School Disco

LPS Parent Council will be holding a 'Back to School' Disco on Thursday 29th August (details to follow)!

See Your Child At Work Day- Friday 20th /Monday 23rd September

On **Friday 20th 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 '**Start of Week**' ELC children from **2pm on Monday 23rd September**.

Reminders

- School dinners are provided free of charge for all P1-3 pupils and meals cost **£1.70** 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).

Dates for the Diary

August 2019

New ELC start visit: Tuesday 20th (9.30-10.30am)

ELC new starts to begin: Tuesday 27th

Back to School Disco: Thursday 29th (see separate details)

September 2019

Parent Council Meeting 1: Monday 2nd – 6.15-8pm (school)

P7s to Manor Adventure: Monday 2nd – Friday 6th

P6/7 Football Festival: Thursday 13th September

See Your Child At Work Day: Friday 20th /Mon 23rd

September Weekend: Friday 27th- Monday 30th
(school closed)

