



Parent Update Monday 23rd November

Dear Parent/ Carer

It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the term already, the weeks are passing quickly and the feeling of the festive season is most definitely in the air. The school is starting to get busy and the amount of information coming home is increasing. We will do our best to remind you of the important information. If you do however, have any questions on any of the information below, do not hesitate to contact us.

Facemasks

Thank you to those of you who are wearing facemasks at drop off and pick up. We appreciate your support with this. We hope it won't be forever but until then, in line with government regulations, please continue to do so.

Drop Off

Can we remind all parents that children should only arrive in school 5 minutes before the bell. There are a number of children arriving much earlier and mixing in the playground which is against government guidance.

Primary 1 Parents- to help to make sure that the children have a smooth transition into school each morning, can we ask that the children are in line for the bell ringing at 8.55am. Please then could you leave the school grounds as soon as the children go into school. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Hand Sanitiser

A reminder that we cannot allow children to take in their own hand sanitiser. They are welcome to take in hand cream to keep in their tray if they wish.

P.E

P.E will start indoors this week. Each class has one hall slot over the week. The children are required to change into indoor shoes for P.E. If you have not already done so, please pop some indoor shoes in a named bag so we can keep them in school. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

After 2 weeks of meetings, Parents' Evenings are complete for this term. We would like to invite you to give some feedback about your experience to help us plan for the next round later in the school year. Thank you.

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Winter Coats

We have a lovely selection of winter coats available and ready to collect. A huge thank you to those that donated. Everyone is welcome to choose from the collection. If you would like your child to



choose one, please complete the confidential form below and a member of staff will ensure that this happens.

<https://forms.gle/i6zfWZSoqX5foP6GA>

Showcasing the Learning

This week we are showcasing Primary 2 and Primary 3. Take a look at the links below! Please note, we will only feature those children that have given permission for us to do so.

Primary 2- <https://youtu.be/lfQkoBBqC-o>

Primary 3- <https://youtu.be/oStWK698EBY>

Christmas at Loirston!

It is that time of year when planning the festive fun is at the top of our agenda! Below are the details and dates of our Christmas Activities this session. Things are going to have to be a little different and we do have stricter guidelines to comply with but it doesn't mean that we won't have a fantastic time celebrating.

Christmas Jumper Day

National Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 11th December. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas top of their choice to school that day (preferable festive!).

Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers

The Parent Council are kindly organising a collection of any old Christmas Jumpers that you may have which you no longer require. Please see the information below.

🎄 Share the Festive Fun 🎄

If you have any old Christmas Jumpers/T-Shirts which are in good condition that you would like to donate, we would love to take them off your hands to hand out to others that may need.





Christmas Lunch

This year we will be having Christmas Lunch on Friday 11th December. An e-mail will be sent out later in the week for you to confirm if your child wishes a Christmas lunch.

21 Days of Christmas

Classes are working on their Christmas panel to be displayed. Normally, this would be put up in the hall and you would see it when you came in for the Christmas concert. Sadly we cannot have you in school this year, so we are going to display the panels in the windows around the school so that you can see them. Each class has a different line from our personalised Loirston version of 12 days of Christmas (now known as 21 days of Christmas!).

Christmas Celebration Day- Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December we would like to invite the children to come to school with their 'festive party clothes'. The teachers are planning to have a fun day with the children which will take the place of the official party. We have booked an online pantomime for the children to watch that day and the Parent Council are kindly donating a drink and a snack for the children to have as they watch the panto- Thank you!

Christmas Crafts

The Parent Council have also kindly donated money to each class so that the teachers can do a few Christmas crafts with the children. We are so grateful for this- thank you again!

Sharing cards

Due to risk of contamination, sadly there will be no sharing of cards between any of us this year, this has come from local authority guidance. We would suggest that families make cards at home then pop it in a window so that passers by can see it.

Christmas Colour Competition

The Parent Council are running a Christmas Competition. In class, the children will colour a picture from a selection. The Parent Council will collect them on the 11th December and the winner will be announced on Monday 14th December. Prizes to be confirmed!

Christmas Gifts

As a school and community we recognise that this year may be extremely difficult for many of our families and staff. As a result of the pandemic, there are many extra families who will require support from the wonderful charities in our local area and we want to try to support and help them as a community as best we can. To support this, we would like to ask that **no**



gifts are given to staff this year. Where there are families who wish to donate something, the House Captains are deciding on a charity that we can support this Winter and we will share the details of this with you in the next newsletter . To further support this, we have also decided that as a staff there will be no gifts given from teachers to children. As you will see from above, there are lots of lovely festive experiences and learning opportunities that all of the children will take part in which I'm sure you will agree they will love.

Thank you once again for all your support during these unusual times, it is very much appreciated by us all here.

Take care,

Miss Watt

Head Teacher