

Luthermuir Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and managed to make the most of the sunshine ☀️. The children have settled well into their new classes and it is lovely to welcome our new Primary 1 children to Luthermuir.

This is a relatively short term leading up to the October holidays but I'm sure it will be packed with lots of exciting opportunities for the children.

Fiona Thomson
Acting Head Teacher
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Office Hours

The School office hours are **8.30am – 12.30pm** and **1.30pm to 3.40pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. There is limited cover after 12.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Out with these times your call may not be answered but will instead be forwarded to our answering machine which is checked regularly.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Davie back from her secondment. She will be joining Mrs Paterson as joint Principal teacher. Alongside her PT duties, Miss Davie will cover non-class contact time as well as working in P1/2 on a Monday and P5 on a Friday.

School Transport

If you have any questions about school transport or would like to raise a concern, please contact Aberdeenshire Council Transport department on **01224 665196**



Transport does not come under the remit of the school.



Upcoming Events

8th September

P1 Parent Lunch

19th September

PTA AGM 6:00-7:00pm

10th October

Parent Consultations



Easy Fundraising

Sign up for the Easy Fundraising app and raise money for school funds when you shop online!

Reporting Calendar

There are a number of ways in which we report to parents and carers on children's progress and our annual reporting calendar will be available on our website shortly.

A curriculum newsletter will be sent home during week 3 and following consultation with both staff and parents we have decided to hold a **parents evening on Tuesday 10th October** to allow staff and parents to introduce themselves and open up those vital lines of communication.

School Improvement Plan

Our School Improvement Plan this session focuses on Leadership of Learning, Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion; and Raising attainment and achievement. You will be able to view our plans on the school website shortly.



PTA

The PTA continues to support the school in a number of ways and it is through their hard work and fundraising that we have managed to purchase a new projector and provide transport for swimming, Techfest and various other trips. With several members of our committee moving on this year, I would like to take this opportunity to urge others to get involved. It is through a partnership approach that we can achieve the most positive outcomes for our learners, our school and the wider community! Please come along to our **AGM on Tuesday 19th September @ 6pm** to find out more!!

Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who volunteered in school last session. We would like to continue to offer varied and motivating experiences for our pupils and your help is very much appreciated. If you are interested in getting involved then please contact the school office to let us know. It may be to help out with 'Golden Groups', lunchtime clubs or after school activities. Any support is welcome. If you have an interest in baking, sewing, gardening, sports and fitness or any other interests then please get in touch.

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

School Holidays and In-Service Dates 2017/2018

Term 1 Ends Fri 13th Oct

Term 2 begins Mon 30th Oct

In-Service Days - Mon 13th/Tues 14th Nov

Term 2 Ends Fri 22nd Dec

Term 3 begins Mon 8th Jan

Mid term break Thurs 8th – Mon 12th Feb (Inclusive)

In-Service – Tues 13th/Wed 14th Feb

Term 3 Ends Thurs 29th March

Term 4 begins Monday 16th April

May Day holiday Mon 7th May

Term 4 Ends Friday 6th July



School Meals/Clothing Grant

Please note that the cost of a school meal for P4-7s has now increased to £2.20 and can be paid through ipayimpact. P1-3 continue to get free meals. Menus can be found on the Aberdeenshire Council website. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals or Clothing Grant then please get in touch with the school office.

Primary 7 Residential Trip

As a cluster we have been looking at ways to support transition and promote more collegiate working between schools. As part of these discussions we have decided to organise a joint residential trip for all our P7 pupils in the Mearns Cluster in September 2018. This would allow children to meet others of the same age from different schools at the start of P7 and hopefully will foster positive relationships which can be built on throughout the year. As this is a change to our current model we will of course consult with both parents and pupils after the trip to consider whether this is something which we should continue for future years.

School uniform

The children have all returned looking incredibly smart in their school uniform, thank you. School uniform can still be purchased from Tesco. Please remember to name all your child's belongings. Children should have a gym kit in school at all times. This should be kept in a gym bag and hung on your child's peg. Gym kits will be sent home once a term to be laundered.

A reminder that Education Scotland have an expectation that all children should be fully involved in outdoor education and promote the use of outdoor experiences at every opportunity within the school day. **We would, therefore, expect the children to be appropriately dressed at all times for the Scottish climate.** As we also plan to continue the Daily Mile initiative can I please remind pupils to make sure they have appropriate footwear and clothing for running in all weather☺!!

Newsletters

Our newsletter will be published on the website www.luthermuir.aberdeenshire.sch.uk on the last Wednesday of the month as well as being emailed out using Groupcall. If this is during a holiday then it will be published on the last Wednesday before the break. As we are striving to be an eco friendly school hard copies will only be sent home if parents request one. Please let the school office know if you would like a paper copy. Remember, if you download the Xpressions App on to a mobile phone or other device then you can receive notifications and alerts to keep you updated on what's happening in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries. Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to working with you all in this new academic year!

Kind regards,

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