



Luthermuir News



January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that 2020 brings good health and happiness to you all!

Term 3 is now well under way and our class newsletters will be emailed out to you this week to keep you up to date with what your child will be learning in school this term. As always, if you have any ideas and experience that you wish to share then we would welcome your input. The newsletters can also be found on our school website at <https://luthermuir.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/class-newsletters/>.

I have also attached our 'Dates for the Diary' to this newsletter as a reminder of events coming up.

As you are all now aware, my final day at Luthermuir School will be Friday 7th February 2020. The staff and I are all delighted to hear that Mr Clarke (HT, Fettercairn School) will be taking over the role. Mr Clarke is a very experienced Head Teacher and there are already many links between Fettercairn and Luthermuir with Fettercairn Nursery providing pre-school education to many of our children before they start at Luthermuir School. I am sure Mr Clarke will be a great support at Luthermuir and feel confident that I am leaving the school in very capable hands!

Meantime, I would like to thank you all for your support during the last 3 years. Luthermuir School has seen a considerable amount of change in the last decade, but the strength of the families and wider community have been paramount in enabling the school to continue to progress forwards. I intend on keeping in touch and will be checking in with Mrs Simpson regularly to hear about the wild and wonderful things the children have been getting up to!

Kind Regards
Fiona Thomson

Staffing update

From February, Mrs Rattray will be covering P6/7 two days a week until we have secured a new teacher. Mrs Rattray has worked at Luthermuir on many occasions and is familiar with both the class and the school.

We are currently advertising for a maternity cover to take over from Mrs Strowger and Mrs Forbes in P1-3. You will be informed as soon as the recruitment process has been completed.

Mrs Stewart (PSA), has reduced her hours and no longer works on a Tuesday/Wednesday at Luthermuir. These hours are being covered by existing staff meantime.

P1-3 Learning Assembly and Café

Don't forget to put **Thursday 27th February @ 930am** in your diary as our P1-3 pupils will be sharing their learning at their community café and assembly.



Rotary Quiz – our P7s have been invited to take part in the annual Rotary Quiz to be held at Mearns Academy on Thursday 19th March 2020. A team will be selected by Mrs Singer. More details to follow.

School Improvement Priorities

We continue to focus on the following school improvement priorities: -

Raising Attainment and Achievement

- Making Thinking Visible approaches to be shared with staff through twilight sessions
- Mastery in Maths workshops
- Cluster working groups including staff from Mearns Academy to look at the curriculum across Primary and Secondary sectors.
- Dyslexia training to be completed by all staff by Feb in-service

Social and Emotional Wellbeing

- 'When the adult changes, everything changes' Paul Dix - staff continue to engage in reading and discussion
- First Aid training for all on Feb in-service

Assessment of Children's Progress/Parental Engagement

- Staff are working with colleagues from Redmyre, Marykirk and St Cyrus to moderate children's progress in listening and talking
- Pupils are becoming more confident in using 'Seesaw' to demonstrate their understanding and share their learning at home
- Written progress reports will be issued to each child and face to face parent consultations in March

Careers/Enterprise Week (3/2/20-7/2/20)

Next week is our careers/enterprise week and pupils will be looking at different occupations and roles. Where possible this will be linked to the topics already being covered in class and will also be looked at through their literacy and numeracy work. If you have any skills, knowledge or experience that you would like to share, please get in touch with your child's teacher to arrange a meeting/class visit.

Luthermuir PTA

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 30th January @ 3.15pm**. I would like to remind you that everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Term 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday 6 th January 2020	First day of term 3
Monday 13 th January 2020	Pupil Participation Groups – Numeracy/Literacy/HWB/DYW
Friday 31st January 2020	Burns Café and Recitals @ 2pm, School Hall
Monday 3 rd February – Friday 7 th February 2020	Careers/Enterprise Focus Week
Thursday 13 th February – Monday 17 th February 2020 (inclusive)	Holidays
Tuesday 18 th February and Wednesday 19 th Feb 2020	In Service Days (School closed to pupils)
Monday 24 th February 2020	Pupil Participation Groups – Numeracy/Literacy/HWB/DYW
Thursday 27 th Feb 2020	P1-3 Learning Assembly and Community Café @ 930am
Monday 9 th March – Friday 13 th March 2020	Science Focus Week
Week beg Monday 23 rd March 2020	Pupil Reports to be issued this week
Monday 23 rd March 2020	Pupil Participation Groups – Numeracy/Literacy/HWB/DYW
Tuesday 31 st March 2020	Parent consultations 3.30pm-7pm Café in the school hall
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Luthermuir Easter Service and Bonnet Parade @ 945am, Luthermuir Village Church
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Last day of term 3
Monday 6 th April – Friday 17 th April 2020	Easter Holidays

Term 4

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday 20 th April 2020	First day of term 4
Monday 27 th April 2020	Pupil Participation Groups – Numeracy/Literacy/HWB/DYW
Friday 8th May 2020	May Day – Holiday (Please note Friday May day opposed to usual Monday!)
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June 2020	Health Week
Friday 5 th June 2020	Sports Day
Monday 15 th June 2020	Pupil Participation Groups – Numeracy/Literacy/HWB/DYW
Friday 19 th June 2020	P6/7 Learning Assembly and Community Café @ 2pm

Thursday 2 nd July 2020	End of Term Leavers and Prize Giving @ Luthermuir Village Hall 2pm
Friday 3 rd July 2020	Last day of term.