



Lennoxtown
Primary

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Dear Families, the warmest of welcomes to our school year! I am delighted to report that we've had a very smooth transition back to school life and it's wonderful to be all together again. This has been a real team effort between home and school and on behalf of the staff and I, I wish to offer a heartfelt thanks for your patience and support with all of our new routines. Although we are very much 'back', the day to day continues to be a little bit different and any changes we are working with are directly driven by Government advice and then our own knowledge of our context and need. As we continue living in the 'recovery phase' we will continue to be responsive to advice and embrace recommendations with passion and creativity. We are excited about the year ahead and are confident in providing the best learning possible as we move in to this new school year!

Welcome Primary 1

We at Lennoxtown Primary and Nursery wish to extend the warmest welcome to the newest members of our learning family. This includes all of our new children in Primary 1 and the Nursery. Everyone has settled so well and our newest recruits are already bringing great energy to our school. Thank you also to all nursery and p1 parents who are doing such a super job with our drop off and pick up routines, and also keeping safe distance in the playground.

Communication - As we work within the recovery phase we are exploring new ways of getting information out to families. Please remember to check our school/nursery notice boards, twitter feeds and website for our regular news items. If you have any suggestions that you wish to share please call us or email the school office on office@lennoxtown.e-dunbarton.sch.uk. In order that any email communication is addressed timeously please email the school office and not HT or DHT directly as communication can be missed due to volume of email traffic on a day to day basis. If you have a suggestion specifically for the PTA or Parent Council please mark your email accordingly.

Family Learning Assistant It is with great pleasure I can share that Mrs Laura Coyle, our Family Learning Assistant is now a full time, permanent member of our team at LPS! This year we hope to build on all the great work we started last year but we need to be creatively minded short term in order to meet the requirements set out by the Scottish Government's directive on a safe return to school. Last week Laura called all families to check-in and this is something we will continue with on a 6 weekly basis. We are currently exploring some ideas for safe parental participation in activities so watch this space. In the mean-time you can contact Laura directly via the school office email and she will call you back.

Settling Checks - Over the past week or two Mrs Curry has contacted a number of families by phone to catch up on health and wellbeing needs across the school. If you feel you would benefit from a Settling Check phonecall and haven't already checked in with us on any changes to medication or other information you feel would be useful for us to be aware of, please contact the school office and we'll add you to our call list!

Classes 2019-2020

This session we have eight classes with staff appointed as follows:

Primary 1 - Ms Dryden

Primary 2 - Miss Campbell

Primary 3 - Mrs Reid/Mrs Brand

Primary 4 - Mrs MacLean/Mrs Penrice

Primary 5 - Miss Strain/Mrs Wilson

Primary 6 - Mrs McKay

Primary 7A - Miss Allison

Primary 7B - Miss Bulloch/Mr Fyfe

P.E.F/Raising Attainment - Miss Allen

Nurture - Miss Allen

Calling in...

If you have recently called the school office of a morning you may have noticed that it will either ring out or go to answer machine. This is the case just now due to the volume of parental calls across the school and nursery in the morning. If your call diverts to answer machine and you are phoning your child in sick please leave your name, child's name a brief description of the reason for your child's absence. If you wish a call back, please leave that as part of your message. If you are calling to discuss another matter, please leave your name and ask for a call back and we will get back to you as timely as possible. Many thanks for your support with this.

Communication Mechanisms/Staying connected!

We are currently exploring other ways we can stay in touch and be connected. We have always been very much an open door school and we are looking at ways we can replicate that openness digitally! At present all families are welcome to call the school at any time and we will call you back as soon as possible. We are also making use of emails, groupcall, our school website and our twitter account. If you are not already following us on twitter then please follow as @LennoxtownP.

As we move forward we are continuing to think outside the box and we are exploring the use of a Lennoxtown Primary Facebook page that would be a closed page but would be a forum for the school to share regular news and updates in a more 3D manner. We are still in the early stages of looking at how we would operate this but it's a route we are keen to move forward with.

Contingency Planning

We couldn't have had a smoother return to school but we are mindful that a class closure is only a positive case away and with this in mind we are looking at contingency planning. We have made up individual home learning kits for all children and these are an exact replica of school learning kits. In the instance that a class would have to self-isolate, these kits will be made available and they will contain a contingency learning plan.



Wetter Weather - In line with Government recommendations and as we take P.E and learning outdoors, please ensure your child has a jacket and appropriate footwear so that we are able to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible. Unless it is torrential rain, we will be out enjoying the best of our Scottish weather!

In the interests of re-cycling and community spirit we are doing a shout out for any spare wellies, waterproof jackets or waterproofs that your child may have out-grown that someone else could have use of. We are aiming to have a pair of wellies for all at the very least! The better our outdoor wear, the more we can extend the learning experiences we are seeking to offer! If you have any spares, please send them in with your child. Thank you!





Some lovely news...

I am delighted to share that our lovely Mrs Frame got married last Tuesday and she will now be known as Mrs Penrice. We are over the moon for her and glad that she finally got her big day after some postponing! I'm sure you all join me in wishing Mrs and Mrs Penrice much love and happiness for the future!



Lest we forget...

In other warm news we will also be looking to do something a little special to celebrate our lovely Mrs Kennedy who we sadly lost to illness at the end of March this year. The timing of Mrs Kennedy's passing meant we were unable to attend her funeral or mark her loss. As we reflect on Mrs Kennedy and her time as a teacher at Lennoxton Primary we do so with a spring in our step and a smile on our faces. In the short space of time we have been back, her cupboard and trolley of goodies still provides comfort to anyone needing a little lift and long will her legacy live. As we move forward this year, we will look to do something that commemorates her fully but in the meantime we shall be content that she is very much with us in spirit and still brings a smile to our faces and warmth to our school.



Christmas Contingency! - This year more so than ever we are acutely aware of the impact of Coronavirus and knock on to family income due to job losses or reduced hours. We also pride ourselves in community spirit, looking out for one another and the joy of re-cycling!

With this in mind and with the support of our fabulous Laura Coyle, we are hoping to facilitate a bring and buy/swap shop facility to re-cycle unwanted toys that are in good enough condition that they would serve well as a Christmas gift for another family. Whatever we come up with, there will be a mechanism to drop toys off and for us to digitally show what's available so that families can reserve an item. This will be a completely free service; we are just looking to help out a little.

Santa has given us the thumbs up for our plan and is grateful for any help we can offer him! While we work out the logistics of how we can manage this, please start to think about any high quality 'Santa standard' toys you might want to contribute. Whatever our plan ends up looking like, we will have it running in October so there's plenty of time to see what's available!

Ho ho ho!