

Low Port Primary School: Where you are given opportunities and leave with happy memories.

Newsletter January 2017

We would like to wish you all a happy new year! It's hard to believe we are back already!

Some of you may have noticed that a plaque has gone up at the Rose Garden to remember Ronnie, our much-loved lollipop man who passed away last year. This came from an idea from our P7 pupils. They wrote letters to the Council asking about planning permission and seeking advice. The class teacher, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Livingston met with Councillor Tom Kerr to discuss this further and we were able to proceed. We would like to thank the PTA for funding the plaque and Councillor Tom Kerr for arranging for this to be mounted on the wall for us. There will be an official ceremony to mark this which will be arranged shortly.

Health Reminder

- A gentle reminder to regularly check your children's hair for any head lice.
- May we please remind all parents and carers that pupils should be kept at home until 48 hours from the last bout of sickness and/or upset stomach. There are NHS guidelines that all schools are asked to adhere to.
- We would ask again that parents/carers do not use the staff car parks to drop off children in the morning. These car parks are both very busy with staff coming to work. In these dark mornings especially it is very dangerous for children being dropped off and to be seen. The safe route to enter the school grounds is to walk up the pathway provided from the Rose Garden. This applies for school drop off and OOSC drop off times.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am with the last serving time being 8.30am. The school office is not manned until 8.15am and there may not be access to the building until this time. Please do not bring children before this time.

Fundraising Bodies Update

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a happy and restful festive break. December was a great month for the fundraising groups, as we saw a huge pile of books delivered to the school (image below) and also agreed to fund £2754 of new numeracy resources. These Numicon resources will further support the SEAL numeracy approach, and will

greatly help our children with their understanding of number. It's wonderful to see the results of all the fundraising efforts in 2016! Thank you so very much to everyone for your help and contributions!

The next event will be a movie night on 20th January in the school hall. This is a completely free social event open to all children and their parents/carers. Further details will be sent out soon.

The next meeting of the Fundraising Groups will be in February. In the meantime, if you'd like to get involved, please contact Rebecca Holmes on 07970 318 566 or rmholmes@me.com.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENT FOR P1-3 ONLINE LEARNING JOURNALS

There will be a parent information event held on Monday the 16th January starting from 4-5pm in the school hall. Parents/Carers will have an opportunity to find out about Online Learning Journals, to see what the system looks like from both a pupil and parent perspective and how to access these securely from home. You will be issued with parent sign up forms to enable us to set up secure access for you. This information session will be supported by Melissa Dunn, the Online Journal Development Representative for West Lothian Council.

Further details and a reminder will be issued in due course.

Dyslexia Friendly School Steering Group Update

Pupils from P2-7 have been taking part in a dyslexia pupil group. We have decided to call ourselves the D.A. Ts (Dyslexia is Awesome team!).

*We play games and have lots of fun in our group. We are educating ourselves about dyslexia, what it is and useful strategies for learning. We have started a logo competition to make a logo for our group and to raise awareness of it. We would like to make Low Port even more dyslexia friendly so watch this space!
From the D.A. Ts.*

P4T Visit to the Caring Café

Primary 4T were invited over to Low Port Centre last term to sing at their caring café. The class decided to sing four different Christmas songs to the Caring Café guests. The four songs decided by the children were: Santa Claus is coming to town, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and Jingle Bells.

We practised a lot before going over on Wednesday 21st December. The children were all very excited to sing and we decided to wear our Christmas jumpers. We had lovely feedback from the Caring Café staff afterwards. They thought we sang beautifully and the atmosphere was very upbeat. Thank you to Margaret Strachan for our gifts.

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Diary Dates

Friday 6 January	Dyslexia steering Group meeting
Monday 9 January	P5 music sessions continue
Friday 13 January	Vertical Learning Groups Sharing the Big Picture sent home
Monday 16 January	Parent information event for p1-3 Online learning journals 4PM in the hall. Netball taster sessions for P5, P6 and P7.
Tuesday 17 January	P6 Parliament Trip P5 Museum on the Mound Trip
Wednesday 18 January	P7 Risk Factory Trip
Friday 20 January	P2 assembly - families welcome. PTA Movie Night
Monday 30 January	P6 Fire Safety Visit P7 STEM session
Tuesday 31 January	P5 swimming for 1 week only
Wednesday 1 February	Parent Council Meeting 7pm - 9pm
Friday 3 February	P3 assembly - families welcome