

Lady Lovat Primary School
Bun Sgoil Mhorair
October 2008

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to Mrs MacPhie

Mrs MacPhie is back with us and will work in the school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of term. After the October break her days may change to Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Parent Forum meeting

Attached are the minutes from the Parent Forum meeting on Monday 22 September. The date for the Soup & Sandwiches had to be changed to Saturday 29 November as there was another function on the 15 November. Cllr Allan Henderson is sending a form to apply for funds for skiing.

Strike Action

There is further strike action planned and parents and carers will be notified of future dates. The school will remain open but pupils may have to bring a packed lunch on these days.

Collect Let's Grow Vouchers

The school's Eco Committee has registered with Morrison's Let's Grow. The vouchers collected will enable the committee to purchase a variety of useful items for the garden. If you happen to shop at Morrison's, please ask for the vouchers and send them into the school. Many thanks to those who have already done so!

ASG Meeting

An Associated Group meeting will be held in the school on Monday 29 September. Those who were unable to attend are able to videoconference. Priorities in the school Improvement Plan will be discussed and Parents & Carers will receive a Standards & Quality Report before the end of October. This report outlines what happened last session and contains information about the school achievements. The ASG meetings are held on a monthly basis when all representatives from the High School and feeder primary schools discuss priorities for liaison and improvement. The Quality Improvement Officer (QIO), Mrs Norma Young is usually present at these meetings.

Student Teacher

Mrs Lorna Colston from Arisaig, is at present studying for her Professional Graduate Diploma in Education at the University of Strathclyde. She had been given this school as a placement for part of her teacher training, so will be with the P4-7 pupils until the middle of December. At the moment Mrs Colston is observing but will be expected to teach lessons observed by her tutor who will visit the school during her sessions here.

Egg to Plate

The pupils from P6&7 have been invited to the Marine Centre on Friday 3 October to learn about the different types of fish. They will also have the opportunity to cook some fish and taste their results.

School Photographer

Locheil Photographers will visit the school on Tuesday 7 October to take school photographs. A separate note has been attached to this newsletter giving information about the photos. Should you wish to take this opportunity, please fill in the form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Holiday Reminder

The school will close on Friday 10 October and re-open on Wednesday 29 October. There are two In-service Training days at the beginning of Term 2 – Monday 27 October and Tuesday 28 October.

Swimming Lessons

All pupils will be attending swimming lessons next term. The lessons do not begin until the second week of the term. As soon as dates are agreed with the Swimming Pool, a note will be issued with further details. If parents can help with transport, please contact the school.

Science Workshops

Pat Duchart, from Earth Science, will return to the school on Thursday 30 October to introduce the 'Separation Game' with the upper stages and 'Wax' with the younger primary pupils. Her science lessons are always a great success!

Parent Forum Meetings

It is hoped to hold these meeting once a term.

The possible future dates are as follows:

Term 2: Tuesday 4 November

Term 3: Tuesday 13 January 2009

Term 4: Tuesday 5 May 2009

Primary 1 Group Photograph

A Primary 1 group photograph was sent to the Lochaber News and Oban Times to celebrate beginning school. Please keep a look out in both papers.

New lunch Menu

The new lunch menus will begin after the holidays. Pupils can choose from the menu and order for any day of the week. Pupils, who normally take a packed lunch, are also able to choose school lunches on specific days. The choices for lunches are made every Monday and the order is given by phone to Mallaig Primary school kitchen.

Finally, should you have any concerns regarding your child/children, please do not hesitate to contact the school

Yours sincerely

Maureen Sutherland
Head Teacher

Attachments:

- School Aims
- Minutes of Parent Forum meeting
- Lunch Menus
- Locheil photographs