



Loanends Primary School

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MARCH UPDATE

1 March 2023

Dear Parent

Please note the following:

- **WORLD BOOK DAY-Thursday 2 March:** This is a very special day in school when we celebrate the gift of literature and reading. All pupils and staff are invited to dress up as a favourite character from a book. There will be prizes for the best costume in each class. All children should have received a £1 World Book Day Book Token on Tuesday 21 February. This token can be redeemed at participating retailers against the cost of a £1 book or any book or audiobook costing £2.99 Or more. Please see the reverse of the token for all terms and conditions. Details of World Book Day have been already sent out on Seesaw by Mrs Watson.
- **MILK SCHEME: (beginning Monday 17 April to 29 June 2023)**

Milk must be ordered and **paid for in advance**. The cost is **21p** per day. The total amount for the third term is **£9.87**. Money cannot be refunded if a pupil is off school for a short period of time. The milk company does not accept any returns.

Please note that this should now be ordered using the online (SchoolMoney) payment system not later than **Wednesday 29 March** for the order to be placed with Dale Farm on time. You will find it listed as an item in the 'shop'.
- **THANK YOU to the P6 Entrepreneurs** who organised the ballot for the chocolate baskets. (They have something else up their sleeve!. They raised £370.00 which will be used to purchase new football nets. **The winners of the baskets were:**
 - **P5 Ella O'Neill**
 - **P7 Olivia McConnell**
- **THANK YOU** also to the parents who came along and helped plant the trees at the front of the school on 27 February – your help was very much appreciated!
- **SCIENCE DAY - Friday 13 March:** More details to follow from Mrs O'Neill.
- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** Please be aware that we are **NOT** closed for St. Patrick's Day. However, there will be **NO school bus** operating on this day.
- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – Tuesday 28 March:**

Only the following groups of pupils will be offered a photo session at this time:

- P7 Fun Packs
- Mop up of Individuals who missed last time and would like a photo
- Choir

Please ensure you complete and sign the Opus permission slip that will be sent home with your child. All forms to be returned to the school by **FRIDAY 24 MARCH**.

- **PASSPORTS:** Unfortunately, the Principal or teachers no longer can sign passports. This is regrettable but this is the advice that has been given to us.
- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** School opens at 8:45am. Pupils are parents' responsibility until then. Just a reminder that parents SHOULD NOT enter the playground; pupils should be left at the side gate.
- We would kindly request that **no dogs** are brought onto the school premises apart from guide dogs or therapy dogs for Health and Safety reasons.

- **ABSENCES:** We would be very grateful if you could provide a written reason for absence in order to keep our registers up to date. If a reason isn't provided, the pupil will be marked with an "n" code (No reason given). For ease of administration, please use the tear off slips to provide reasons(s) for absence and return to the class teacher. These are available on the school website. Absences are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer. "Miss School Miss Out Strategy" highlights the following:

95% attendance = 9 days' absence

85% attendance = 28 days' absence

90% attendance = 19 days' absence

80% attendance = 38 days' absence

Taking family holidays during term time is not recommended and I cannot grant permission for such requests. I would therefore advise parents to arrange holidays outside of term time. Should parents decide to take holidays during term time, this must be put in writing to the Principal and will be held on file and copied to the EWO if required. **Teachers will not provide work in advance.** The worksheets and home works that have been missed can be requested when a pupil returns from holiday and not before departure.

In the Department of Education's most recent circular "Attendance Guidance Absence Recording by Schools", schools are also advised that "other appointments" eg, doctor or dentist should be arranged where possible, outside school hours. In the interests of maintaining high levels of attendance and ensuring pupil access to the curriculum, I would be grateful if a determined effort could be made to adhere to this.

We all have a collective responsibility in trying to achieve high standards of attendance.

Lateness is still an ongoing problem. Please ensure your child is in school for a prompt start at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded and is shown on the pupil's electronic attendance record.

- **March Menu 2023:** Please find attached the March Menu for School Dinners. School meals should be booked and paid for in advance. We appreciate that this isn't always possible. If a meal is booked 'late' through the school office/kitchen, please pay any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Also, many pupils who are not booked in for either break or lunch, often just inform the teacher at registration time.** This shouldn't happen and causes problems with the kitchen and secretarial staff who try to make numbers balance. Please make every effort to book online but do not ask your son or daughter to simply inform the teacher. The SchoolMoney App costs almost £1000 per year so please use it for the purpose for which it was designed.
- **After School Activities:** This information is posted on our website (under the News Tab). Please print off or read through for your records.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closes at 12:15pm on **Friday 31 March** and opens again on **Monday 17 April**.
- **School Calendar 2023/2024:** Please find attached the provisional school calendar for the academic year 2023/2024. Please also note there is an additional school holiday in **THIS** school year on **Monday 8 May 2023** to celebrate the King's coronation.

Yours sincerely

Linda Armour

Mrs L Armour
Principal



Autumn Term 2023	
Monday 28 August	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 29 August	School Commences
Monday 30 October – Thursday 2 November	Half Term
Friday 3 November	School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Thursday 21 December	School finishes at 12.15 - End of Term
Friday 22 December – Wednesday 3 January 24 (inc)	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2024	
Thursday 4 January	School commences
Monday 12 February	School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 13 February – Friday 16 February (inc)	Half Term
Wednesday 27 March	School finishes at 12.15 – End of Term
Thursday 28 March – Wednesday 10 April (inc)	Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2024	
Thursday 11 April	School commences
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 May	School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Monday 27 May	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 28 May – Wednesday 29 May	School Development Days (school closed for pupils)
Friday 28 June	End of Term (school closes at 12.15pm)

Loanends Primary School –From 6th March 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 1 06/03/23	Fish Fingers or Burger in a Bap Tossed Salad Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurts	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or BBQ Chicken Panini Tossed Salad & Coleslaw Garden Peas Swiss Roll with Custard	Roast Loin of Pork or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Carrot & Parsnip and Broccoli Florets Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Cookies with Pear Slices & Black Grapes	Chicken Goujons or Chicken Stir Fry Sweetcorn & Red Pepper Homemade Chilli Diced Potatoes Frozen Smoothies & Fresh Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese or Margherita Pizza Crusty bread Baked Beans Chips Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Watermelon Chunks
WEEK 2 13/03/23	Steak Burger & Bap or French Bread Pizza Tossed Salad Cubed Potatoes Garden Peas Arctic Roll with Sliced Peaches	Breaded Fish Fingers or Pasta Bake & Crusty bread Sweetcorn & Peas Mashed Potato Pineapple Chunks Frozen Yoghurt	Roast Breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Savoy cabbage/Diced Carrots Oven Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Milkshake	Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or Filled Baked Potatoes Garden Peas Tossed Salad Apple Sponge & Custard	Oven Baked Sausages or Homemade Chilli Chicken Baked Beans/Tossed Salad Chips or baked potato Flakemeal Biscuit & Fruit Chunks
WEEK 3 20/03/23	Fish Fingers or Savoury Mince Baked Beans/Sweetcorn Mashed Potato Tossed Salad Frozen Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Selection	Breast of Chicken Curry & Rice, Naan Bread ,Garden Peas or Filled Baked Potatoes Salad Selection Swiss Roll filled with Yoghurt and Fruit	Roast Gammon or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Baton Carrots/Broccoli Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potatoes Krispie Cake & Fruit Medley	Breaded Chicken Goujons or Chicken & Cheese Panini Pasta Salad Sweetcorn, Homemade Chilli Wedges Chocolate Cake, Pears, & Chocolate Sauce	Steak Burger with Bap or Vegetable Pasta Bake Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Chips Baked Potato Strawberry Jelly & Fresh Fruit Chunks
WEEK 4 27/03/23	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread or Tuna Baguette ½ Baked Potato with Cheese Tossed Salad Honey Dew Melon Wedges and Arctic Roll	Breast of Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice & Naan Bread or Savoury Mince Garden Peas Mashed Potato Fruit Crumble & Custard	Roast breast of Chicken or Salmon Tails Traditional Stuffing/Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Chocolate Cake and Banana chunk	BUFFET: Selection of Sandwiches (Chicken/Cheese/Tuna) Fish Bites Pizza Fingers Cocktail Sausages Carrot Sticks Fruit Cookie & Milkshake	SCHOOL CLOSED AT 12.15 NO LUNCHES HAVE A LOVELY HOLIDAY

*Breads
Milk, Water
A Choice of Fresh
Fruit & Yoghurt
Available Daily*

*Menu choices subject
to deliveries*

