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FEBRUARY UPDATE

1 February 2022

Dear Parent

I should be grateful if you could please note the following:

- **Parent/Teacher Consultations: School will close for all pupils at 2:00pm each day, week commencing 7 February.** Just a reminder also that there will be no after school activities that week.
- **P7 parents** please note that the portal for online admissions for post-primary schools opens at 12 noon on **Tuesday 1 February 2022** and closes at 4:00pm on **Wednesday 23 February.** EA has asked me to remind you that applications are not considered on a first come first served basis.
- **Half Term:** School will be closed for Half Term from **Monday 14 to Friday 18 February** (dates inclusive). School will reopen at 9:00am on **Monday 21 February.**
- **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. I have been advised that some pupils are coming in early and going straight to classrooms. I have asked the caretaker to ensure that gates are closed so that pupils can't access the school until the gates are opened by a member of staff. Children are parents' responsibility until the official starting time.
- **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

90% attendance = 19 days' absence

85% attendance = 28 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.

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

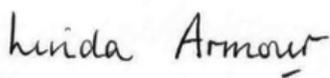
Lateness is an ongoing problem. Please ensure your child is in school for a prompt start at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded and is shown on the pupil's electronic attendance record.

- **Provisional School Calendar 2022-23:** See attached. Please note that the school bus will not be available 30 and 31 August and therefore I am hoping that parents again will be able to make arrangements to transport pupils to school. By starting school at the end of August, this gives us longer half-term breaks in October and February. Similarly, all parents will need to provide packed lunches for the last two days in August as the School Kitchen won't be open.
- **Advance Notice - Science Day Friday 18 March:** This was a great success last year, so we are looking forward to another day of fun and science investigations. More details to follow from Mrs O'Neill.
- **World Book Day:** Advance notice. **Thursday 3 March.** More details to follow from Mrs Watson.

- **February Menu 2022:** Please find attached the February 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.
- **"P6 Skippers"** held a sponsored 30-minute skip to raise funds for the NHS and Air Ambulance on Thursday 20 January. In the time allocated they managed to complete a wonderful total of **4030** skips!! They have raised £703 to date! If you missed the opportunity to sponsor them I'm sure they will still be happy to take your money! Thank you to everyone, both in and outside school who have supported and encouraged the girls in their efforts. Hopefully you heard them on BBC radio Ulster last Friday afternoon. We are proud of them all!
- **Information:** I am aware that we have sent out lots of information in recent times, particularly as we respond to Covid. Apologies! I would love to see the end of Covid as much as you!! Please keep a close eye on Seesaw as this is the quickest way to get information out to you.

We also field many phone calls regarding after school activities. This information is posted on our website (under the "News" Tab) and was also sent by Seesaw on 13 January 2022. Please print off or read through for your records.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Armour
Principal

LOANENDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROVISIONAL PARENT CALENDAR –2022/2023



Autumn Term 2022		
Monday 29 August		Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 30 August		School Commences
Monday 31 October – Thursday 3 November		Half Term
Friday 4 November		School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Wednesday 21 December		School finishes at 12.15 - End of Term
Thursday 22 December – Tuesday 3 January (inc)		Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2023		
Wednesday 4 January		School commences
Monday 13 February		School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 14 February – Friday 17 February (inc)		Half Term
Friday 31 March		School finishes at 12.15 – End of Term
Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April (inc)		Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2023		
Monday 17 April		School commences
Monday 1 May		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 May		School Development Day (school closed for pupils)
Monday 29 May		Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 May – Wednesday 31 May		School Development Days (school closed for pupils)
Friday 30 June		End of Term (school closes at 12.15pm)

PRIMARY MENU LOANENDS

2022 FEBRUARY

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If a healthy alternative to chips is required on Fridays a baked potato will be provided if requested.

If you require any additional information on allergens or special diet please contact the school in the first instance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 31/01/2022	Salmon Fish Fingers Garden Peas Homemade Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce Crusty Bread Watermelon Slice & Yoghurt	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread Tossed Salad Carrot Sticks OR Filled Baked Potato & Salad Date Krispie & Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Pork with Stuffing Baton Carrots ,Broccoli, Mashed and Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Gravy , Fresh Fruit Topped Ice-cream Sundae	Steak Burger in Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Homemade Spiced Cubed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Chocolate Sponge Cake with Orange Wedges	Chicken Bites , Beans , Side Salad , Chips Or Pasta in tomato sauce Carrot Sticks Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Two 7/02/2022	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Yoghurt & Trio of Fruits	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Baked Potato with Choice of Filling and Salad Carrot Sticks Chocolate & Pear Sponge	Roast Turkey, Stuffing Sliced Green Beans,Diced Carrot , & Oven Baked Dry Roast Potatoes and Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Summer Fruits & Ice Cream	VALENTINE BUFFET CHOICE OF SANDWICH COCKTAIL SAUSAGES PIZZA SLICE CARROT STICKS CHOCOLATE COOKIE & FRUIT	Baked Sausages Beans & chips Cucumber Sticks Side Salad, Or Pasta in tomato sauce Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
Week Three 14/02/2022	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM HAVE A LOVELY BREAK				
Week Four 21/02/2022	Fish Fingers Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Ice Cream & Watermelon	Chicken Curry with Rice & Naan Bread OR Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Carrot Sticks Date Krispie Orange Wedge	Roast Gammon with Stuffing, Cabbage,Carrot& Parsnip, Mashed & OvenDry Roast Potatoes with Gravy Summer Fruits & Yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese, Side Salad with Crusty Bread Sweetcorn Choice of Sandwich on Brown Bread Swiss Roll with Berries	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Ham Cucumber Sticks Side Salad, Chips Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

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