



Loanends Primary School

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Dear Parent

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

- Firstly, could I just say a very Happy New Year to all our pupils, parents, and friends of the school. Thank you also, on behalf of the staff for all your kindness with Christmas presents and delivery of goodies over the Christmas period. We greatly appreciate it!
- **After School Activities:** More details to follow from Mrs Montgomery. Jujitsu recommences on Tuesday evening, 16 January at the usual time. Beginners welcome, from 5 years up. 6.00-7.00 pm. Please contact Lorraine 07812029477.
- **P1 Intake September 2024** The application process is an online format. Digital admissions will be live from **Tuesday 09 January 2024 at 12 noon until Friday 26 January 2024 at 12 noon**. Please refer to www.eani.org.uk for updates. Also note that applications received after 12 noon on 26 January will be treated as "late." If anyone would like a Prospectus to pass on to a family member or neighbour, please contact the school office for a hard copy or refer to the school website for a digital version: <https://madcolour.cld.bz/Loanends-Prospectus>
- **Advance Notice - Parent/Teacher Consultations P1-6:** school will close for all pupils at **1:00pm each day, week commencing 26 February**. Just a reminder also that **there will be no after school activities that week**. I would ask that parents of children who use the school bus to advise Stevie if they intend collecting children themselves. Once again, we will offer the choice of face-to-face interviews or a telephone call. Bookings can be made online as we did in October. We will let you know when the booking calendar is open.
- **P7 Transfer consultations** will take place, for those requesting advice, week commencing **29 January**. SEAG results will be issued on **Saturday 27 January**. Just a reminder that application to Post Primary School is also an online process which parents must complete independently of the school. Interview times for those wishing to discuss school choices will be sent home separately to P7 parents. Please note that school will also close for P7 pupils at **1:00pm week commencing 26 February**.
- **Car Park/Foot Paths:** Please be advised that Mr Brady will endeavour to grit the foot paths when icy conditions prevail. We undertake to do what is reasonable; unfortunately, the car park is too large an area to salt with a small machine as are the playgrounds. Please ensure that your children get safely into school on icy mornings. This is parents' responsibility.
- **School Attendance:** As previously requested, it is important to ensure a note explaining absence is sent to the school using the pro-forma on the website. It's great to see this being used! An impassioned plea...Please also make every effort to ensure children are in school by 9:00am. Late arrivals cause disruption and detain staff from other morning duties.
- **Advice/Guidance on sickness:** Please note "The Public Health Agency advises that with diarrhoea or vomiting, children should be excluded from school for 48 hours from the last episode."
- **Coronation Robe**-Last year P7s were involved in the creation of the Coronation Robe for King Charles III. We are delighted that we will have this on loan for a week from Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. You are more than welcome to call in and view the robe, week commencing 29 January.
- **Annie Jr.** KS2 parents will be aware that we are in full on preparation mode for "Annie" which will take place on the evenings of **Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February at 7:00pm**. Information on purchasing tickets will be sent out shortly as well as specific arrangements for the two performance days. At this stage however, I would ask all parents to note that school will close for all pupils at 2:00pm on both these days to allow staff to get set up for the evening performance. P5-7 may also have a "late pass" with a **10:00am**

start on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February. We will accommodate those who wish to come into school at the usual time.

- **Payments for healthy break and dinners**-this is an impassioned plea! Could parents please ensure that they order breaks or dinners in a timely manner. We are receiving an increasing number of emails or phone calls for late additions, which is time consuming and presents problems for the cook who will already have received her numbers in advance. We appreciate that emergencies happen and people can forget the odd time but unfortunately some families use last minute ordering as a default position! Some parents are running up a tab so we will only add in for one day at a time in cases of emergency.
- **School Uniform:** I have recently noticed a drop in standards of uniform and have asked teachers to be "on top of this" when pupils are wearing items that are not part of our uniform. The full policy is available on the school website. I would ask you please to look at this again and ensure that high standards of uniform and appearance are maintained. Our uniform is often commented upon when we go out and I wouldn't want this to drop since it says something about our school.

The light blue hoody is not part of the daily uniform; neither are trainers. Our policy is black shoes. Jewellery and make up also becoming an issue. There should be no makeup in school and jewellery should be kept to watches, plain rings, and simple stud earrings. I am asking for your cooperation and adherence to our school policy.

- **Congratulations:** I am delighted to let you know that baby Evie Louise Hyde arrived into the world on Sunday 17 December. We would like to congratulate Mr Hyde (and probably Mrs Hyde even more!) and wish the Hyde family every blessing with their new daughter and getting used to a family of four!

Linda Armour

Thank you.

Mrs L Armour
Principal