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Ladywell

**LADYWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**September 2024**

**NEWSLETTER**

### **Validated Self-Evaluation Visit (VSE)**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October our school will take part in a Validated Self-Evaluation visit.

This is part of our ongoing process of improvement. Senior officers from North Lanarkshire Council will visit our school.

This team is made up of Education Managers, Head Teachers, our Cluster Improvement and Integration Lead, NLC Child Protection Officer and NLC Equity Lead.

The two-day visit will consist of class observations, discussions with myself and my management team regarding our attainment and plans for improvement.

The team will also look at our child protection and safeguarding procedures.

The team will talk with some of our children and some members from the PTA and Parent Council.

Any recommendations for improvement will be shared with parents following the visit.

We are looking forward to showcasing the good work that goes on within Ladywell Primary.

### **Annual Improvement Plan**

#### **Our priorities for improvement this session are as follows:**

- Raise attainment in Reading and Writing at key stages throughout the school.
- Develop a progressive outdoor learning programme.
- Further develop our community links.

These priorities have been agreed following our self-evaluation processes last session, which included staff discussing the How Good Is Our School (HGIOS) document and through gathering parental views in a questionnaire issued by the Parent Council.

### **Young Writers Competition**

Last session some of our children took part in a Young Writers competition, and some pieces of

writing were included in a book which was then published and available for parents to buy. The children engaged really well with this and were motivated by having their work published. However, I have only just recently been made aware of the cost of the published book and I would like to apologise to parents as I would not have encouraged the teachers to take this project forward within their classes had I realised that it would cost £19.99 to purchase a book. In Ladywell we are very mindful of the cost of the school day and try to limit any additional costs for parents. We will not be engaging with this company in the future.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Holiday Dates**

**September 2024** September weekend: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (inclusive)

**October 2024** October week: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (inclusive)

**November 2024** In-Service day: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**December 2024 - January 2024** Schools close: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.30pm  
Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (inclusive)

**February 2025** Mid-term break: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
In-service day: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**April 2025** Schools close: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Spring holiday (Easter): Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (inclusive)

Easter Monday - schools closed on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

#### **May 2025**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - holiday**

In-service day: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

May weekend: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (inclusive)

**June 2025** Schools Close: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 1pm

**Class Assemblies (Articles 28 & 29)**

Class/Classes	Date
P1A and P1B	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
P2A	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May
P2b	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
P3A and P3B	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March - Please note that this is a change to the original date.
P4A and P4B	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
P5A and P5b	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
P6A and P6B	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
P7A and P7B	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November

Assemblies will begin at 9.30am and last approx. 20 minutes.

**Parking**

Please use the drop off area when dropping off or collecting your child from school.

The area around the school is extremely busy at the start and the end of the day.

**We all have to work together to keep all children safe (Article 19).**

**Parent Council Meeting/ PTA Meetings.**

Please remember that all parents are welcome to join our Parent Council/PTA meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for the Parent Council and 7.15pm for the PTA.

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