

Libberton Primary School Newsletter

August 2025



Welcome back to all staff, parents and pupils as we begin our new session! I hope you have had a lovely summer with time to recharge and relax. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and are already following our routines very well.

A special warm welcome to our new P1 learners who are starting with us; Arlo, Harris, Lewis and Theo and to Miss Lucy Whitelaw, our P5-7 Class Teacher. Congratulations to Miss Logan, now Mrs McKenzie who was married during the summer.

STAFFING 2025-2026

Head Teacher	Mrs Forde
Acting Principal Teacher & P1-4 Class Teacher	Mrs Sheridan
P5-7 Class Teacher	Miss Whitelaw
Mrs McKenzie will continue to support across both classes	
School Office	Mrs Forster (Team Leader)
School Support Assistants	Mrs Barron (Mon, Tue – breakfast club only) Mon, Tues SSA tbc Ms Macdonald (Wed, Thu, Fri)
Cook	Mrs Hodge
Cleaner/Caretaker	Miss Menzies

A few reminders for starting back:

- ParentsPortal is now available as an App and should make access much easier. The vast majority of home school communication comes through this
- Please inform us of any changes to contact details throughout the year – this can be amended at any time via ParentsPortal
- Breakfast Club is available from 8.15am. No need to book, and in addition, toast will be available from 8.45am in the playground
- We will have a mix of PE lessons outside and in the gym hall. Please send in a pair of black shorts for this. In addition, we ask for each child to have a pair of gym shoes to change into in class and a pair of wellies to stay in school for wet days. If your child cannot yet tie shoelaces, slip on or Velcro would be recommended. With our unpredictable weather, please ensure your child brings a waterproof jacket each day. Names should be on all items of clothing and footwear
- We still have some items of school uniform (polo shirts, sweatshirts, trousers, skirts and jackets) available free of charge. Please pop into the school and have a look. If you have any uniform you no longer need, please send into the school office
- Each child should bring a filled water bottle to school each day to drink in class. As per SLC policy, these bottles should only be filled with water for use in class
- All children from Primary 1 to Primary 5 are entitled to free school meals. Children in primary 6 and 7 can receive free school meals if their family is also receiving the Scottish Child Payment or other qualifying benefits. Please check your ParentPay details are up to date and you are in credit
- Please note that for health and safety, the school car park is only for staff parking and bus drop offs. Parents should continue to drop children off at the pavement to the front of the school

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Homework

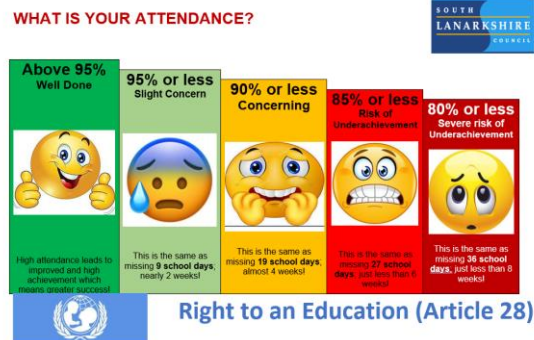
Information on homework will be issued in the coming weeks.

Attendance

Percentages can be misleading. 90% attendance sounds quite good - however, this is what 90% attendance actually looks like for your child. If your child has 90% attendance August - June, they will have the equivalent of:

- ½ a day off per week
- 19 days off per year - almost a month of schooling at 5 days a week

Please do ensure that your child attends school as much as they can and, whilst understanding that holidays are cheaper during term time, your child cannot get that teaching & learning time back. Please remember you can check your child's attendance via ParentsPortal.



Parent Open Evening

We will be holding a parent open evening on Wednesday 3rd September at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet new staff and find out our plans for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you then.

Dates for your diary:

Music Tuition (Ms O'Neil) – Starts Monday 25th August

New lunch menu – Starts Monday 25th August

Parent Open Evening – Wednesday 3rd September - 6pm

September Weekend – Friday 26th and Monday 29th September

Finally, if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Laura Forde

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Head Teacher