

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Update Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy and warm week here at Lauriston! The classroom learning environments are really taking shape and the teachers have been busy making their book corners look fabulous. Thank you to our PTA for the donations!

The children have all settled back into the daily routines very well and it has been a pleasure walking through the school and seeing the children hard at work or developing their play in the playground. It has also been so lovely to see and feel the positivity in the playground at the start and end of day.

### International Food Evening – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Myself and Mr Warren had a really positive meeting with some members of the Lauriston PTA earlier this week and we are really pleased to be able to confirm our first event of the school year!

**The International Food Evening** will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> September between **3-5pm** in the school playground. We have changed the time of this event to ensure the whole school community can attend and feel part of the festivities. Everyone is welcome!

### Important Information:

- All families encouraged to bring a dish to the school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Gates will be open to playground at 2:30pm and tables will be set up to place the food
- Please ensure all dishes have a list of ingredients to help support allergy information
- All children (apart from those in Extended Day) to be collected at **3pm**
- Classes will be lined up under the undercroft on this day for collection
- Any child not collected by **3:10pm** will be taken to the office and will need to be collected from the front office
- Children and parents/ carers and staff will then be able to take part in International Food Evening
- Event finishes at 5pm – please leave the playground at this time
- Parents/ Carers are responsible for supervising their children during this event once they have been collected at **3pm**
- The PTA will be sending a flyer with more information out and also asking for any volunteers
- The event is free to all families – but we do encourage each family who wishes to stay to the event to bring a dish so there is enough food for everyone
- **Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup>**, members of the PTA will be in the playground drumming up support for the event and asking for any donations from parents – all donations will go towards supporting the school with our OPAL project (more about this in the coming weeks!)

### Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Thank you to all those who managed to attend the Meet the Teacher meetings. It was lovely to have you back in the building! Please follow this link for the teacher presentations which we hope you will find useful.

[Meet the Teacher Meetings - Lauriston Primary School](#)

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If you would like to speak to the class teacher, then either speak to them at dismissal time once all pupils have been collected or contact the main office to ask for the class teacher to give you a call.

## Forest School

We are very pleased that our forest school provision will be starting next week. Please look out for updates and photos on the school website.

- Autumn Term – Year 2
- Spring Term – Year 1
- Summer Term – Reception

## Our Curriculum:

Our lead teachers for the Curriculum and Teaching and Learning have been busy making final amendments to the curriculum maps for this year. Please follow this link to see a yearly overview for each year group or visit the school website.

[Curriculum Maps - Lauriston Primary School](#)

Please also remember to access google classroom each Monday to find out what your child will be learning that week and for ways to support their learning.

## Home Reading:

Please see attached guidance sheet for our expectations on Home Reading. We are really pleased to be able to launch new Reading Records for the children this year and it is extremely important that school and home work together to support the Children's Reading Journey. Please help by reading with your child, supporting them to read independently, completing the reading records and ensuring that the reading record and home reading books are brought into school each day.

## Book Amnesty!

Each morning next week there will be a box at both the Connor Street Gate and Morpeth Rd gate for parents / Carers to return school reading books. Please do have a look at home and if you do have any Lauriston Reading books, please return them next week. Thank you

## School Council Elections

We are really pleased to be starting the process for electing our School Council for 2021-22 very shortly. This process is for pupils in **Year 2-6**. Please see additional letter sent today for more detail, but below is a timeline for this process. Please talk with your child and find out if they are keen to represent their class and school as a member of the school council and support them with their ideas and speech writing.

Date	Event
Week Beginning: Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teachers to launch school council elections and brainstorm with children what skills and attributes would help make a good member of the school council</li><li>• Teachers to provide some guidance for how to write a speech</li></ul>

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Week Beginning: Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children write their speech and practice delivering it at home</li></ul>
Week Beginning: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children read speeches to class</li><li>• Class vote for school council nominations (2 per class go forward to final)</li></ul>
Week Beginning: Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children read speech in Assembly too children from Year 2-6</li><li>• Children from Year 2-6 vote for school council members on <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b></li></ul>
Week Beginning: Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School Council Team announced</li></ul>

## Paternity Leave

Some exciting personal news...very soon I will be taking Paternity leave. So if you don't see me on the gates for a couple of weeks you will know why! When the time comes, Ms Panesar will take over responsibilities for running the school day to day with support from the rest of the Senior Leadership. Mr Warren will also increase the time he spends at the school and will be available to our leadership team should they need him. Due date is still two weeks away, but as you all know these things rarely go to script!

## Lauriston Twitter Account

Please follow our new and updated Lauriston School Twitter account. This will be updated daily with photos and clips from the school day. [www.twitter.com/lauristonschool](http://www.twitter.com/lauristonschool)

A reminder that you can also follow Mr Warren as he tweets for the Federation at [www.twitter.com/blossomexehead](http://www.twitter.com/blossomexehead)

Wishing everyone a very happy and relaxing weekend,



Louis Harris  
Head of School



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