



## General Information

Dear Parents,

Welcome to your first issue of Primary News for the new year 2018.

The children are well underway in their learning for their new topic and challenging themselves to meet their targets.

We have welcomed some new members of staff to our team and they are settling in well and getting to know the children.



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## Primary Learning: News, Updates and Developments

**Timetable:** This should be in the back of your child's Communication Planner/Diary. There may be some minor changes in swimming groups. When these happen confirmation will be written in the diary.

**Home/school Diaries:** If you prefer the Lonsdale style planner when your child comes to the end of their planner, these are available from school at a cost of £5. A note book will otherwise be used.

**Snacks and drinks:** We encourage being healthy at Lonsdale School. You are very welcome to send in healthy snacks for your child to have at break time. Please be aware that we have a nut allergy in Primary.

We are able to provide milk and water at break time but if you would prefer your child to have squash you may send a bottle in. Please let us know if you are happy for this to be shared with their friends.

**Clothing:** Please try to label all of your child's clothing so that we can ensure they go home with the correct child. It is also helpful to have a spare set of clothes in school for any unforeseen circumstances. If you have any spare underwear or school uniform that you could donate as spares these would be gratefully received as we are running low on spares.



**Learning:**

**Ash Class:**



In Cooking we have been developing our skills and learning how to clean and tidy up after cooking.



We enjoyed making a den under the tables!

**Birch Class:** With Miss Sumner the children have been exploring how to make toy cars stop and go, how to make them go faster or slower and find out how well they travel on different surfaces. The children have experienced playing with different vehicles on a car mat, trays of sand and pasta. In maths the children ordered train carriages by number and then counted out bears to match the number. The children have sorted objects that float and sink and vehicles by where they travel; land, water or air.



Working together to match the alphabet.



Exploring tyre tracks in paint.



**Oak Class:** have been very busy with our learning this week. We have started to look at transport, both new and old as part of our topic work, and have planned a diary extract describing our time on a transport of our choice. In Maths, we have been comparing transport modes in relation to wheels, windows and doors and completing mathematical challenges. In PE we have had an introduction to many different styles of dance including- ballet, street dance, bhangra, English folk and look forward to looking at some in more detail in the next few weeks.

With Miss Sumner the children have been learning about the way we use an analogue clock looking at minutes and hours, past and to. They have been looking at the sounds 'ear, eer and ere' in letters and sounds and challenged themselves to then sort these in alphabet order. In art the children have been looking at Viking longships and worked really well in teams to begin their collage ship.

Oak have been busy carrying out experiments in Science- looking at how materials change when they are heated and cooled, and deciding which is the best to make things out of. We have been concentrating on sentence structure and punctuation in Literacy and place value in Numeracy. We cooked apples this week and completed our apple crumble in Cooking.



### Stars of the Week

All of the Primary children for returning to school happy and ready to learn.

**ASH: Leo-** for being very grown up in the bathroom

**ASH: Claudiu** for being more relaxed when being hoisted.

**BIRCH: Mary-Ann** for working hard all week

**BIRCH: Kasey-Lou** for her effort in changing position all week

**OAK: Stacey-** For having excellent dance moves in PE and being enthusiastic about her learning

**OAK: Harrison-** for being kind and helpful to his friends.



A very big WELL DONE!

### Diary Dates and Upcoming Events

Dates for Diary: Please refer to Learning At Lonsdale Newsletter.

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