



Carleton Primary School

Newsletter September 2021



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Headteacher Message

Hello everyone, I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. We are well into our first term of the school session and we are delighted at how well our new pupils have settled into Carleton. This session we have 12 classes - 4 in the infant corridor, 3 in our bottom corridor and 5 in our upper corridor. I have detailed below the changes to our team. The children have been very welcoming to our new staff in school. You will shortly receive information regarding our parent's evenings later in the term. We wanted you to have an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class and the school term. This will be done by video call again this term due to current restrictions in place. The information you receive will provide details of how to book your slot. Please check out our new website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/carletonps/>



Staffing News

We shared with you a few staffing changes in our last newsletter in June. Here is some updated news on our staffing for this session:

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Mackay to our team, who is our new Depute Headteacher with responsibility for our upper classes.

We welcome Jamie Downie to join our team as School Janitor. Jamie has been working hard to keep our school grounds neat and tidy whilst taking care of the daily janitorial duties in his remit.

Lesley Brady, our Support for Learning teacher, has secured an Acting Headteacher post at Auchtertool Primary School for a year and will commence this position asap. We are delighted for Mrs Brady and wish her every success in her new role. We have appointed Mrs Lynne Courts to cover the temporary Support for Learning role this session. We also welcome back Miss Lindsay Ireland who will return next week to cover Teacher non class contact time.

Mrs Drylie will continue in her post as PT with responsibility for the infant department this session. Mrs Drylie shares a class with our probationer teacher Mrs Laura McCullough in room 1.

Mrs James has returned to Carleton after a year on maternity leave and is working in various classes across the school each week.

Technology

We have used some of our funding to purchase new technology in order to upskill our pupils and staff in digital literacy. During lockdown we all had to adapt very quickly to remote learning and we want to build on these skills further enhance our learning and teaching experiences with technology. We will update you throughout the session on developments in this area, to allow you to keep abreast of any new technology we are engaging with.

School Uniform

We expect our children to come to school dressed in school colours (navy/grey), wearing a white or navy polo shirt and navy, black or grey bottoms. No hoodies are permitted, with the exception of our P7 leavers hoodies.

We will continue to spend a lot of time outdoors this session, therefore we suggest that children wear suitable shoes for outdoor weather, and bring a change of clothes in case they get wet or dirty. **All clothing should be labelled.** Please ensure your child brings appropriate gym kit eg shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings - no denim permitted.

Toys in School

We have a high volume of children bringing in toys to school. Due to Covid restrictions this should be discouraged. 'Fidget toys' such as Poppits are being brought into class - these will only be allowed if they have been prescribed by an Occupational Therapist or through our Support for Learning teacher. Otherwise, these toys become a distraction in class, rather than serving their purpose as an aid for concentration. We appreciate your support with this.

Should you need to pick up your child during the day for an appointment, please call the office in advance, many thanks.

School Improvement Priorities 2021-22

This session our School Improvement Priorities are as follows:

- Clear progressions to support high quality learning and teaching at all levels.
- Effective feedback in literacy that is age and stage appropriate, and forms next steps for learners.
- Building a digital culture across the school

Further information will soon be made available on our school website.

Dates for your Diary

Here are some important dates for the remainder of the term

14.09.21	Hands Up Tally - How did you travel to School today?
28.09.21	Virtual Parents Evening
30.09.21	Virtual Parents Evening
06.10.21	Virtual Parents Evening
25.10.21	1 st day of new term

Safety Reminders

Please remember to adhere to the mitigations we have in place to ensure the safety of everyone:

- **Only P1 parents permitted in the playground and masks should be worn.**
- Please contact the school by telephone or email rather than coming into the building.
- Adults should maintain 2m distancing and wear a mask within the school vicinity.
- Once you have dropped off/picked up your child please leave promptly to reduce adults around the school area.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Warn and Inform

When we are made aware of new positive cases within the school, we will issue a 'Warn and Inform' letter to the appropriate class. This is to remind families to remain vigilant and follow the safety measures in place. These are detailed within the letter.

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