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Newsletter

Term 1 was a very busy term for all at Camstradden Primary School. Term 2 is set to be equally busy and we are looking forward to working in partnership with families to ensure we are getting it right for the children we work with.

I would like to offer my personal thank you to everyone across the Camstradden Primary community for the very warm welcome I have received since taking up the post of Acting Head Teacher in October 2022. I have been overwhelmed by the support and positivity shown by everyone thus far, and it has been my pleasure to start getting to know you all. I am looking forward to developing relationships with the school community during my time with you.

Miss Davidson (Acting Head Teacher)

Home Learning & Digital Approaches



You will have received a copy of your child's log in details to the three platforms above. Teachers will use these to share information with parents about their children's learning and to set some homework activities in reading and numeracy. Please save these websites or download from your app store on electronic devices at home to further support your child's learning. Please contact the school if you require any assistance to access these. Mrs Gilles and Mr Clark (DHT) will also be available on the Parents Evening to troubleshoot any access issues with these.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

As valued and respected stakeholders we would love to hear your views on our school to help us improve. Please complete using the link provided by **Friday the 25th of November 2022**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

A Huge Thank You



We would like to say a huge thank you to two of our parents/carers who recently donated money to our School Fund following a Bingo Win and a savoury sale in the local community. These donations helped up to provide sweet treats to all pupils for their Halloween parties.

Parent Pay & Parent Portal



Your child has been issued with log in details for both platforms. Please ask Ms Heuston at the school office for another copy if you do not have these!



parentsportal.scot

ParentPay is the online payment solution used in all mainstream primary and secondary schools in Glasgow. ParentPay is used to pay for all school trips, meals, concert tickets, uniforms, etc and will enable us to remove all cash and cheques from schools. In addition, you can now pre-order your child's lunches.

Parents Portal will provide access to information about school, allow you to complete the annual data check, update your child's details, view the school calendar and complete electronic permission slips and forms. This will reduce the need printing of letters and use of the costly texting system. We will be phasing out the use of texts and letters, so please sign up to this as soon as possible.

The school has a partnership with Glasgow's Pre-Loved Uniforms. We have a rail of free uniforms available to anyone who needs to stock up! Glasgow's Pre-Loved Uniforms also accept donations at our school reception which prevents good uniform going to waste.



Road Safety



Now that the darker nights are here it is important to relay to children the importance of road safety. Please ensure you can be seen when crossing the road and if possible use pedestrian crossings. Be aware of moving vehicles and other road users. Remember be safe, be seen!

Spotlight!

We were excited to launch our new school website last month. The website is a work in progress and is another way that we can keep families up to date with the life and work at Camstradden Primary.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/camstraddenprimaryschoolgcc/>



Parent Council Contact Info

Parent Council Meeting Dates

Please get in touch with the Parent Council if you would like to raise any issues at the next meeting on:

Wednesday 30th November 2022.

camstraddenparentcouncil@gmail.com

Communication with our families and wider school community is very important to us. We want to keep in touch with you in order to keep you updated about your child/children's progress. As such it is vitally important we have the most up to date contact details for you. Glasgow City Council are now using the Groupcall Xpressions app as a main method of communication with families. This is a free app for the school and for families. Further information about Groupcall Xpressions is attached to this newsletter.

We still have a very large number of families who have not signed up for the Groupcall Xpressions app. As this is our main method of communication with families and as such it is vital that you download the app. Details about how to do so and further information about Groupcall are attached to this newsletter. We also have over 50 families who are still not provided the school with an email address.

Please contact the school to provide us with an email address if you have not already done so and download the Groupcall Xpressions app.



Contact Details:

0141 944 2971

Headteacher@camstradden-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

Child Protection Co-ordinator: Miss Davidson (HT)

Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mr Clark (DHT)



Please ask to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if you have any concerns about our pupils.



Kelburn Tantallon Edinburgh Stirling

House Christmas Hampers & Christmas Fair Donations

Christmas is starting early at Camstradden Primary. This term we have set each of our houses a challenge. We would like each house to make a house hamper for our Christmas Raffle which will take place on the **Friday the 9th of December 2022** at our Christmas Fair.

Each house will create a Christmas hamper. It would be appreciated if each child could contribute an item. Some suggested nonperishable items to donate could include:

Shortbread/Biscuits

Mince Pies/Festive Treats

Chocolate/Sweets

Crisps/Nibbles/Crackers

Tea/Coffee

Sauce Jars

Canned foods

Pasta/Rice

Toiletries

Tin Foil (for the turkey)

Jams/Condiments

Soup/Baked Bean/Veg Tins

We are also looking for donations for our tombola stall. As such we would be extremely grateful for any donations of wine/alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks and gift items such as toiletries. Please ensure any alcohol or glass bottles are brought to the school office by an adult.

Please return all donations to school by **Monday the 21st of November 2022**. There will be dedicated collection point for all donations at our school office. Once the hampers are complete, photographs will be added to our Twitter feed and website for you to see what prizes are available. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day of our Christmas Fair. Further information about our Christmas Fair will follow in due course.

Thank you as always for your continued support and generosity!



Groupcall Xpressions App

View your child's information on your mobile phone!

An exciting new service is now available for parents to ensure communication between the school and yourselves is easier and more effective. **Groupcall Xpressions** is a new service created by the award-winning school communication company Groupcall Limited.

The app is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow) and you'll be able to see information for your children.

If you have children in different schools and those schools also use **Groupcall Xpressions**, you will be able to view information on multiple children within the same app.

What do I need to do now?

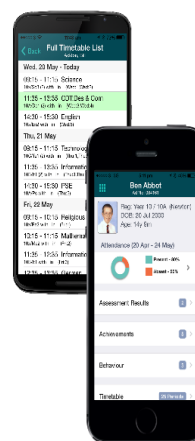
Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address on our school database to ensure you can use the new app as soon as it is available. A form is attached which you can complete to update your details. You are required to make sure you keep these details up to date in future, in order to maintain access to the service.

What happens next?

Groupcall has now set up the system in your child's school. Once you ensure the school has your current email address and mobile number, you can then download the app by accessing <http://parents.groupcall.com/>

Once downloaded, you may receive information on some of the following:

- Emergency school closures
- Pupil absence notifications
- Covid updates
- Meetings and after school activities
- Parent evenings
- School events and newsletters
- Pupil reports – issue dates
- Expected time of arrival when pupils are returning from school trips
- General updates





Camstradden Primary - Every Day Counts

Attendance Information for Families

At Camstradden Primary we are passionate about getting it right for the pupils we work with. In order for us to meet learners needs we require pupils to be in school, on time each day. **Currently attendance levels for some of our pupils are of concern.** Missing school negatively impacts on pupils academic and social development.

The following information explains the percentage of a pupil's attendance at school and what this means in days/learning missed. As per Glasgow City Council procedures, when a pupil's percentage falls, procedures are activated to help support and encourage regular attendance at school.

Attendance levels are calculated on a daily basis and all absences from school, **including Term Time Holiday Leave**, whether **authorised** or **unauthorised** will affect a student's percentage of attendance.

You will be informed in writing at the end of each term should your child's percentage of attendance fall below 90%.

Attendance Level 98% +

This is the equivalent of **4 days off** during the year. This is above average and represents **very good** attendance. Thank you to all pupils and parents who achieved this.

Attendance Level 95% to 97%

This is the equivalent of **5 to 9 days off** during the year. This is in line with the national average and represents **satisfactory** attendance.

Attendance Level 90% to 95%

This is the equivalent of **10 to 19 days off** during the year. If your child's attendance continues to remain at this level or becomes lower, school staff and our Education Liaison Officer (ELO), based at Dumchapel High School, will become concerned about the potential impact on your child's academic progress and achievement. You may receive a visit from our ELO and/or a letter from the school if your child's attendance is of concern.

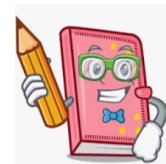
Attendance Level 80% to 90%

This is the equivalent of 20 to 38 days off during the year. You will receive a **letter from the school** and your child's **attendance will be monitored closely**. You may be invited to a meeting to discuss the impact of your child's attendance on their learning and progress in school.

Attendance Level less than - 80%

This is the equivalent of more than **38 days off** during the year. You may have had a visit from our ELO and will have had letters from the school regarding your child's attendance. You will also have been invited to the school to discuss your child's progress and supports in place. Social Work may also have been informed about

Dates for the Diary



November 2022

- **Wednesday 9th November 2022 5-6pm**

Learning Community Parents Forum—All parents/carers welcome

- **Friday 11th November 2022**

P1 Enrolment—Deadline for enrolling new Primary 1's for August 2023.

- **Tuesday 15th November & Thursday 24th November 2022 (3.15-5.15pm)**

Parents Evenings—Families will be sent their appointment day/times via Groupcall Xpressions. Please ensure you have provided us with and up to date email address and you have downloaded the Groupcall Xpressions app. Mr Clark (DHT) will be on hand to provide digital support for any families who require it across both parents evenings.

To raise money for our Christmas parties and celebrations at Camstradden Primary School we will be running a bonus ball at our Parents Evenings. This will take place over both nights. Families will be given the opportunity to purchase a bonus ball number for £5 and will be in with a chance of winning up to £100. Winners of the Bonus Ball will be announced on Friday the 25th of November 2022.

- **Monday 21st November 2022**

Last day for Christmas Fair and House Hamper donations.

- **Tuesday 22nd November 2022 (1-3pm)**

Eco Dig In Day—All parents/carers invited to school to help us with our eco garden. Please bring along your gardening gloves, brushes and spades. Tea and coffee will be provided.

- **Friday 25th November 2022**

Dress Down Day— Money raised will go to school funds and will be used for the pupils for Christmas Parties etc.

December 2022

- **Thursday 1st December (1-4pm)**

EAL Parents Afternoon—Families will be sent their appointment day/times via Groupcall Xpressions. Please ensure you have provided us with and up to date email address and you have downloaded the Groupcall Xpressions app. Translators will be organised by the school.

- **Wednesday 7th December (10.30-11.30am)**

Wellbeing Toolkit Parent Introduction—All parents/carers are invited to attend this information session about the Wellbeing Toolkit. Families will be given the chance to sign up to the 4 week training block.

- **Friday 9th December 2022 (1-3pm)**

Christmas Fair—Further information about our Christmas Fair to follow.

Christmas Jumper Day— Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on this day. We do not want families to go to any unnecessary expense and as such children are welcome to dress down today instead of wearing a Christmas jumper.

- **Monday 12th December 2022**

Glasgow Derby Guess The Goal Competition Launch—Pupils will receive their entry form for this competition today. They will be sent home in school bags. All entry forms and money gathered should be handed back into school by Wednesday the 21st of December. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late entries. Please note this competition is voluntary and families do not need to participate. All money raised will go to School Funds which directly benefits our pupils.

- **Tuesday 20th December 2022**

Nativity/ Christmas Performance (for Parents) - Further information to follow.

- **Wednesday 21st December 2022**

Christmas Parties— Pupils should come to school dressed for Christmas Parties. There will be no facilities to change for Christmas Parties in school during the school day.

- **Thursday 22nd December 2022 (2.30pm)**

School closes for the Christmas Break at 2.30 pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022. School will re-open at 9am on Wednesday the 4th January 2023.