

Calderbank Primary School

Newsletter Term 1 2016/2017

Welcome

The staff at Calderbank Primary School and Nursery Class would like to welcome both new starts and those returning after the summer break. We are all looking forward to an exciting and productive year.



Parent Council

All parents/carers are a part of the Parent Forum and are represented by the Parent Council. The AGM of the Parent Council will be held on 14th September at 6pm in the school. All parents /carers are invited to attend. Please come along to this meeting to find out what your Parent Council do to support the staff and children. There are a few vacancies if you wish to join but attendance does not commit you to joining.

Uniform



We are delighted to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. If you require any further items of uniform these can be purchased through Scotcrest.

PLEASE write your child's name on all items of clothing. They all look the same and it is easy for items to get mixed up when children are getting changed for PE.

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School Staff

The school and nursery staff as at 17th August 2016

Roles	Names
Head Teacher	Mrs M Shanks
Principal Teacher	Mrs N Young
Primary 1/2 Teacher	Mrs A McCafferty
Primary 3/4/5 teacher	Miss E McGinty
Primary 6/7 Teacher	Mr A Leggate
Early Years Practitioner	Miss J Marshall
Early Years Practitioner	Miss J McNair
Early Years Practitioner	Miss S Lowe
Senior Clerical Assistant	Mrs C Brannen
ASN	Mrs M Main
ASN	Mrs A Higgins
Classroom Assistant (7.5 hours)	Mrs J Love
Janitor/Cleaner (am)	Mrs A Trolland
Janitor/Cleaner (pm)	Miss T Doyle
Catering Assistant	Mrs J Love
Breakfast Club Catering Assistant	Mrs A Trolland
Breakfast Club Supervisor	Mrs T Doyle
School Crossing Patrol	Mr W Boyd

Other Business

Sickness

Reminder:

The school staff and cleaning auxiliaries aim to contain and reduce infection and cross infection. If a child is physically sick, feels unwell or states that they have diarrhoea we contact a responsible adult as quickly as possible and remove the child from being with their peers and staff. It is important that infection control is supported by parents. North Lanarkshire Council Policy and the National Health Service recommendation is that a child does not return to school until **48** hours have passed since the child has experienced their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please continue to support this and reduce the number of absences due to bugs.



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Head lice

As you may be aware there can be outbreaks of head lice in schools. We would ask that you are vigilant in checking your child's hair and treat the hair immediately to limit the spread of lice. It may help to keep long hair tied back and we encourage children in the school to not 'play' with others hair.



P.E. kits should be kept in the school in the pupils' trays. PLEASE ensure that the pupil's name and stage is clearly marked on each item-shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes. If you wish to wash the PE kit then this should be returned as soon as possible.

Long hair **must** always be tied back as it can easily be caught up during exercise. We cannot 'share' bobbles due to hygiene implications. Jewellery must be removed or preferably not worn on PE days.

Some children are wearing the same footwear to gym as they wear outside. Please make sure your child has gym shoes or trainers which are suitable for PE and games. Black soled trainers are leaving marks on the floor which the cleaners are finding difficult to remove.

If your child has outgrown their gym shoes, please think about handing them in to school to be used by children who may for whatever reason need to borrow a pair from the office. Thank you.

Water Bottles



Children are encouraged to drink water during the day. They should bring a bottle to school every day. They are able to fill this in school. Water bottles are available to buy at £1 from the school office.

Snacks

As part of health and wellbeing education we encourage the children to follow a healthy lifestyle. We would ask that you don't give your child fizzy juice to drink in school.

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Homework

Your child will be given homework on a Monday. This should be completed over the course of the week and returned on Friday. There will be space for you to comment. Please use this space as we value your comments and ideas. Please sign the homework every week.

Parking

A reminder that parents should not use the staff car park when dropping their children off at school or nursery. Please don't park on the yellow zig zag lines. They are there to keep your child safe. It has been brought to my attention that some people are parking across from the school near to where the crossing patrol man. There are no zig zag lines here BUT it restricts his view of the road. I would ask that you do not park or stop here. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Learning in Calderbank Primary **Class teacher reports**

P.1/2:

The boys and girls of P1 are settling in really well to school life and are being helped in the classroom by our big P2's.

We will be following the North Lanarkshire Literacy and numeracy programme. This will develop the children's skills in reading, writing and all areas of numeracy.

This term we will be focusing on patterns, number recognition and developing knowledge of addition and subtraction.

In literacy we will be learning sounds and common words that will help us with our reading and writing

Our topic for the term will be Dinosaurs, through this topic we will cover, art, drama and music as well as Maths and Literacy.

PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, PE kits can be left in class and will be sent home once a term to be freshened up.

P3/4/5:

In Primary 3/4/5 we will be focusing on place value, estimation and rounding as well as addition skills in maths.

In literacy we will be working on our focus phonemes each week together with different reading strategies in order to develop comprehension skills. Our taught writing day will be every Thursday and this will be linked to our topic.

This term, the class will be investigating inheritance through our topic work, 'Families.' The children will carry out a variety of investigations focusing on human and animal characteristics. We will display the findings from our research using our fantastic maths and ICT skills.

Primary 3/4/5 have a very busy term ahead!

P6/7:

Reading: We are currently revising all of the six reading strategies with our whole class novel Kaspar: Prince of Cats. The pupils are learning how to use the different strategies to help aid their understanding of a variety of texts.

In our Taught Writing lessons, we will be focusing on two genres: Reports and Instructions. We will be linking our writing across the curriculum, including using our novel, topic and health and well-being.

Spelling: We are continuing to develop our understanding of spelling rules and vocabulary building.

Maths: In Maths, our focus in Term 1 will be on place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

IDL: The children have picked Ancient Greece as their topic this term. They have decided that they would like to learn about what the Greeks invented, ancient myths and legends, famous landmarks and wars.

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Committees

This session there will be four committees in school. All school children will be part of a committee and will meet with the teacher who leads that committee on a Friday to discuss and take forward the agreed action plan. The committees are:

Mr Leggate	Rights Respecting Schools,
Miss McGinty	Enterprise,
Mrs McCafferty	Eco
Mrs Young	Sports Award Scotland.



Please ask your child about their work on committees. You will receive more information on the progress of the committees in due course.

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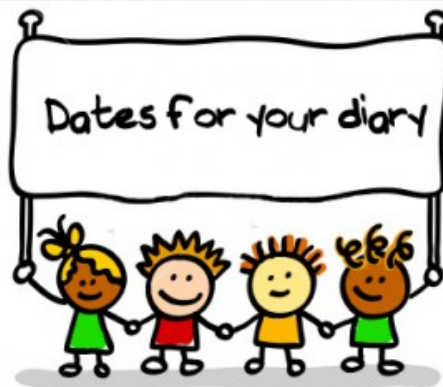
Parent Helpers

Calderbank Primary School and Nursery Class are committed to working with parents. If you are interested in helping in school please speak to Mrs Young.



Last session we were able to offer a variety of clubs at lunchtime and after school. We hope to do this again this session. If you are interested in taking a sports club, there are courses available through the Active Schools Service. Training is free. Again speak to Mrs Young if you are interested. Your child will shortly be given a list of clubs to choose from.

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Dates and times as known as at 17th August 2016.

August

29th Primary 1 photo for the Advertiser

September

14 th	Parent Council AGM
20 th	Caldervale Road Show in Chapelhall Primary
21 st	Literacy Workshop
23 rd	Holiday
26 th	Holiday

October

6 th	Maths Workshop
13 th	Open Afternoon
17 th -21 st	Holiday
26 th	P.1-7 Flu Vaccination
26 th	Open Evening at Caldervale
27 th	Parents' night