



Cumbernauld Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and managed to enjoy the glorious weather. The children have all settled well and seem very happy and secure in class with their new friends and teachers. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

I have been so proud of our new Primary 1 pupils. They look very smart in their school uniform and have coped exceptionally well with all aspects of school so far. Many parents have commented on our wonderful Primary 7 pupils who have shown great kindness and courtesy to our Primary 1 parents and pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new families to the school and wish them a positive and successful time at Cumbernauld Primary.

We strive to provide the highest quality learning experiences and care for all our pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns or wish to discuss any school matter. Our door is always open and we look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Mrs Jennifer Hart

Good luck to our Primary 7 pupils who set off on their adventures to Kilbowie Outdoor Centre on Monday 27th

August. The children will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities including gorge walking, orienteering, canoeing and skiing! I'm sure the children will arrive home exhausted and dirty but with a fantastic sense of achievement! Look out for photographs on our website and updates via email.



Primary 5 pupils have started a 12 week block of swimming lessons and sport activities at the Tryst. A huge thank you must go to our Parent Council who have supported our efforts to ensure Cumbernauld Primary pupils continue to have the opportunity to learn to swim - an essential life- saving skill. Thank you for your very generous contribution of £700 towards the cost of the buses.

Pupils in primaries 1, 2 and 3 will have the opportunity to learn about Road Safety in a magical and entertaining way!

'The Magic of Road Safety' show will teach the children about:

- The importance of wearing a cycling helmet
- Choosing a safe place to cross the road
- STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK
- Using a pelican crossing.



The show will take place on Tuesday 11th September and will hopefully be enjoyed by all.

School Improvement Priorities 2018/2019

The School Improvement Plan is central to driving improvement within the school. We work together to create a plan with realistic targets and timescales to ensure improved outcomes for learners. We will keep you informed of our progress throughout the year.

This year our priorities are:

- ✓ Continue to improve attainment in reading, writing, spelling and phonics.
- ✓ Continue to improve attainment in numeracy and mathematics.
- ✓ Continue to ensure all pupils' wellbeing is nurtured by developing the Children and Young People Scotland Act 2014 across the school.

Parent Council Events Coming Soon:

Our Parent Council met on 22nd August for the first meeting of the term and have already started planning some exciting activities for the remainder of the year. Check out their Facebook Page (Cumbernauld PS Official Parent Forum) for all of the event details and information on how to get involved in supporting our school.

Key dates:

- Hallowe'en Disco - 29th October
- Comedy Night - 9th November
- Christmas Fayre - 25th November



Drop-In Learning Festival Wednesday 12th September 3.30pm - 5.00pm



We are delighted to be hosting our first ever 'Drop-In Learning Festival' for parents of pupils in primaries 2-7. The Learning Festival will provide you with the opportunity to meet with our wonderful staff and learn about the curriculum, teaching methods, additional support interventions and lots more. Many of the stalls will provide practical advice on how to support your child at home.

Please come along and join us for tea, coffee and information.

Primary 1 Parent Workshop Wednesday 19th September 6.30pm - 8.00pm

6.00pm for tea and coffee provided by our Parent Council

Our Primary 1 parents are invited along to a parent workshop. The workshop will provide you with lots of helpful tips on how to support your child's learning at home. You will gain insight into how your child learns to read, write, spell and add. You might even get a chance to try it for yourself!

The Parent Council would like to offer you a light refreshment and an opportunity to get to know each other better. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Photographs

Photographs are a fantastic way to record achievements and celebrate success. Last year, Primary 2-7 parents completed an 'ICT Acceptable Use Policy and Permission' form - indicating whether you gave permission for your child's photograph to appear on the school website. We have a note of your returns. If you have changed your permission please contact the school office.



Keeping Safe at School



- It is **very important** that you let us know if your child is going to be off school, the reason and the expected length of absence.
 - Please also help us by ensuring where possible that you call the school before 2.30pm if you want a message passed onto your child.
 - If you have made a change to your usual arrangement for home time, please ensure you contact the school by phone or letter.
- Thank you for your co-operation.

- The school office is always a very busy place, particularly at 9am and 3pm. Please can you help to minimise congestion in our reception. In the morning the school gates will be opened and supervised by the janitor until 9.10am and children should enter the school in this way. Any child who arrives beyond this time should report directly to the school office. At 3pm please collect your child from the main gate or an agreed meeting point.
- We remind you to please consider others and follow parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting your child. We should all be working together to ensure the roads and parking areas around our school are safe for our pupils and community members.



Breakfast Club Tuesday 25th September 8.15am - 8.45am

Information on the Breakfast Club has been emailed or sent to all parents and carers. The details can also be found on our school website. I am sure the club will be of great benefit to our parents and pupils.

P.E.

Please make sure your child comes prepared for P.E. with their gym kit (shorts, t-shirt and soft shoes). All jewellery must be removed during lessons for health and safety reasons. Pupils may only be withdrawn from P.E. if they bring a letter to school, signed by you explaining why they should be withdrawn. Thank you in advance for your full support. P.E. at Cumbernauld Primary is delivered through indoor and outdoor P.E. We sometimes receive coaching from outside agencies to enhance our experiences and improve our skills. Primary 4 will be starting a block of badminton with Mr. Johnstone.

Gym days for each class are detailed below:

Primary 1a	Wednesday - indoor Friday - outdoor	Primary 4	Wednesday - indoor Monday - outdoor
Primary 1b	Wednesday - indoor Friday - outdoor	Primary 5a	Tuesday - indoor & swimming
Primary 2a	Tuesday - indoor Thursday - outdoor TBC	Primary 5b	Tuesday - indoor & swimming
Primary 2b	Tuesday - indoor Thursday - outdoor TBC	Primary 6a	Thursday - indoor Wednesday - outdoor
Primary 2/3	Tuesday - indoor Thursday - outdoor	Primary 6b	Thursday - indoor Outdoor TBC
Primary 3	Thursday - indoor Monday - outdoor TBC	Primary 7a	Wednesday - indoor Thursday - outdoor
Primary 3/4	Thursday - indoor Wed - outdoor TBC	Primary 7b	Wednesday - indoor Thursday - outdoor

Important dates for your diary:



We are keen for our parents and carers to be aware of dates with as much advance notice as possible. Here are a list of some up and coming events and activities:



Cumbernauld Academy are holding a Showcase Evening on Tuesday 9th October for all interested Primary 7 parents and pupils. Details to follow.

Date(s)	Event(s)
12 th September 2018 3.30pm - 5.00pm	Drop -In Learning Festival
19 th September 2018 6.30pm - 8.00pm Tea and Coffee 6.00pm	Primary 1 Parent Workshop
29 th September	School Photographs
1 st October 2018 7.00pm	Parent Council AGM
4 th October 3.30pm - 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
4 th October	Sports for Schools Sponsorship Event
5 th October	House Morning - wear house colours
29 th October	Parent Council Disco
9 th November	Parent Council Comedy Night
21 st November 7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
23 rd November	House Morning - wear house colours (£1.00 donation)
25 th November	Parent Council Joint Christmas Fair
11 th and 12 th December	Joint Christmas Nativity P1-P3
17 th December	Christmas Lunch P1, P2 & P7
18 th December	Christmas Lunch P4 & P5
19 th December	Christmas Lunch P6 & P7
January	Burns Celebration - details to follow. Start looking out some tartan!
6 th February 7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
8 th February PM	Valentine Tea (P1)
15 th February	House Morning - wear house colours (£1.00 donation)
22 nd February	Parent Council Fun Family Night TBC
27 th February	New Primary 1 Question and Answer Session
7 th March	World Book Day
21 st March 3.30pm - 8.30pm	Parent Consultations
25 th and 26 th March	Joint Daffodil Tea P1-P4
26 th April	House Morning - wear house colours
29 th April	P1 Intake Buddy Tour of the School
29 th April 7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
15 th May	Parent Council Disco
19 th May	Parent Council Summer Fair
23 rd May	Sports Day P4-7 AM P1-3 PM
29 th May 7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
5 th June	New P1 Lunch
21 st June AM	P7 Graduation
24 th June	P7 Leavers Dance

Please note some dates and times may change.

Holiday list for 2018/2019 also attached.

It's going to be a busy year but the staff and pupils of Cumbernauld Primary can't wait to get started!

School holidays and term dates

August 2018

In-service day: Tuesday 14 August 2018

In-service day: Wednesday 15 August 2018

Pupils return to school: Thursday 16 August 2018

September 2018

September weekend holidays: Friday 21 September 2018 to Monday 24 September 2018

October 2018

October break: Monday 15 October 2018 to Friday 19 October 2018

November 2018

In- Service day: 19 Nov 2018

December 2018 - January 2019

Christmas and New Year Holidays: Monday 24 December 2018 - Friday 4 January 2019 (inclusive)

February 2019

Mid-term break: Monday 11 February 2019 and Tuesday 12 February 2019

In Service Day: Wednesday 13 February 2019

March/April 2019

Spring break: Monday 1 April to Friday 12 April 2019 (inclusive)

Good Friday 19 April 2019 and Easter Monday 22 April 2019

May 2019

May day holiday: Monday 6 May 2019

In-Service day: 7 May 2019

Mid-term holiday: Friday 24 May 2019 and Monday 27 May 2019

June 2019

School closes: Friday 28 June 2019

