



Cumbernauld Primary School

November Newsletter 2019

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VISION In our school we aim to provide a secure, stimulating environment where, each child feels included and their individual abilities, skills and talents are fully developed.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

I can't quite believe that we are now approaching the end of this year. We now have just over five weeks left to the Christmas holidays but who is counting!! I have several items of information to share you this month....

STAR PUPILS for SEPTEMBER

P1a Cayla McG and Ellie R

P1c Kavya G and Arran P

P2a Oliver M and Elioise R

P3a Ross C and Cherry P

P4 Melissa MacD and Oliver S

P5 Ella G and Peter R

P6a Elliot D and Manroop L

P7a Logan B and Olivia W

P1b Sienna L and Leo M

P2b Iris M and Max T

P3b Orla McL and Ethan W

P4/5 Josh O'D and Ella S

P6b Aaron B and Emily D

P7b Ava C and Blaine H

STAR PUPILS for OCTOBER

P1a Catherine C and Sophia C

P1c Chloe R and Finlay M

P2a Taylor H and Oscar Mc

P3a Basal W and Grace W

P4 Erin S and Callum M

P5 Aimee C and Nathan K

P6a Rebecca H and Ross G

P7a Daeg P and and Eve W

P1b Andrew W and Connor W

P2b Indi D and Megan P

P3b Eli M and Rebekah G-Mc

P4/5 Evie B and Mark Mc

P6b Rory F and London R

P7b Abigail B and Beth B

Congratulations to our Star Pupils for the months of September and October. We are very proud of your efforts and superb work. You have set the standard for our pupils for the rest of the year. Keep up the great work!

SNAPSHOT JOTTERS

At the end of this month, you will receive your child's snapshot jotter home. This will provide you with a snapshot of your child's learning and progress in school. Please take time to discuss your child's learning with them at home. There is also a feedback sheet for you to complete and return to the school.

HOW WELL ARE WE DOING WITH ATTENDANCE?

As you are aware, regular attendance at school is essential to ensure continued progress in learning. Scottish Government have set 98% as the national average expected by all schools. A current snapshot of our performance has highlighted the following:

* P1- (99%) * P2-(94%) * P3- (96%) P4- (95%) P5 (98%) P6-(97%) and P7- (97%) Currently, our overall average attendance is 97%. Please remember to inform the school if your child is unable to attend.

PARENT COUNCIL MATTERS

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for organising another set of very successful Halloween discos for our children.

The date of the next meeting is planned for **Wednesday 20 November at 7pm**. Please do come along and join us.

More details regarding the arrangements for our joint Christmas Fair can be found on Cumbernauld PS Official Parent Forum Facebook page.

INSET DAYS

Just to remind you that the school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 18 November and Tuesday 19 November**. The staff will be working on our school improvement priorities with a focus on literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK 25th – 29th NOVEMBER 2019

Mrs Kiernan and our fantastic JRSOs are planning a range of activities and events to promote key messages about road safety.

PANTOMIME TIME—OH YES IT IS!!- THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Hopscotch Theatre Company will be visiting the school on the above date with their performance of Mother Goose. Tickets cost £3 and payment can be made from Wednesday 20th November.

GENERAL ELECTION – THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019

As you will be aware there will be a General Election on Thursday 12 December 2019. Pupils should not attend school on this date.

HOUSE MORNING – FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019

Our new House representatives are already planning an exciting event for the children with our Principal Teachers, Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Kinnear. Please can you support us by ensuring your child is wearing their house colours. A donation of £1 is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

ADVERSE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

As you aware, we have in recent years experienced severe adverse weather conditions that caused major disruption throughout North Lanarkshire. In the event of such conditions, parents are advised to check www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk on a daily basis for the latest information and news about school and nursery closures. **Please ensure that we have the latest telephone number and that of your emergency contacts so that we can keep in touch with you.** In these circumstances, we recognise that continuity of learning for your child is of extreme importance. The school has planned a range of learning activities and experiences (for a period of 5 days) for the core subject areas of Curriculum for Excellence using the experiences and outcomes. In the event of a school closure this work can be found in the parent section of our school website.

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END OF DAY ROUTINE

Could you please stress to your child that if you, at any time, and for any reason, you do not manage to the gate for them at 3pm they must return to the school office. Staff will then wait for a little while before trying to contact a parent or your designated emergency contact number. If you are running late could you please phone the school office before 2.45pm as it is extremely difficult to find children after the bell has rung.

PARK SMART

Please continue to support us to keep all of our children safe. Problems caused by inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of our school campus during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up are a cause of complaints to the school.

Please consider the following advice from rule 243 of the Highway Code:

DO NOT stop or park:

- Near our school entrance
- Anywhere you would prevent access for emergency services
- In front of an entrance to a property
- On the pavement

Your support is essential to reduce congestion around the campus and increase the level of safety for our children. Please note that spaces are available to use in the grounds of Craighalbert Church.

TRAVEL TO SCHOOL

Please remember that your child should only travel on our school buses if they have been approved to do so by North Lanarkshire Council. **Your child is not insured to travel on the bus if they do not appear on our approved transport list.** Please remember you are responsible for your child's conduct on the school bus. **As always, a good standard of behaviour is always expected to ensure everyone remains safe, secure and protected from harm.** Thank you for your continued support.

CYCLE FRIENDLY

As you know we encourage children to cycle or scoot to school. However, to avoid accidents may I once again remind all cyclists to dismount before entering the playground and push their bikes within all playground areas. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Lunch for Primaries 1 - 3 is planned for Tuesday 17 December 2019

Christmas Lunch for Primaries 4 & 5 is planned for Friday 13 December 2019.

Christmas Lunch for Primaries 6 & 7 is planned for Monday 16 December 2019.

A two-course lunch (cost £2.10) will be served each day. There will be three options to choose from:

1. Turkey
2. Steak pie
3. Macaroni cheese

HOW TO CONTACT US

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The email account will be checked daily in the morning before registers are completed and again in the afternoon. We aim to reply to enquiries/requests on the same day, but this may not always be possible.

If any matter gives you as a parent/carer cause for concern, please do let me, or a member of the staff team know. Thank you for your continued support in all school matters.

Yours sincerely

E CLINTON
(Head Teacher)

