



Cumbernauld Primary School

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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

Well here we are at the last newsletter of 2019! Although it has flown past, it has been filled with many special moments with your children as they continue on their learning journey. December is always a very busy month in our school.

As you are aware, North Lanarkshire Council, is a poverty proofing authority. We are aware at this time of the year finances can be overstretched. Therefore, as a school, we aim to support our families. Please contact the school, if you would like any advice or support in terms of nativity costumes.

SNAPSHOT JOTTERS

I hope you have enjoyed seeing your child's most recent episodes of learning in their 'Snapshot Jotters'. We believe this is an excellent way to involve parents in their child's learning and we value your feedback about this work.

BABY NEWS

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs. Kerr welcomed a baby boy, Frankie, into her family last month. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kerr.



CHILDREN IN NEED

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated for the Children in Need fundraising efforts on Friday 15th November. Overall we raised a fantastic **£490.46** from our dress down day.

ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our school team who finished in second place! I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Ogilvie and Mrs. Kennedy for coaching and supporting our team. The team will now progress to the next stage of the competition on Friday 17th January 2020.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

We would be very grateful for the following:



- Every item of clothing labelled clearly with your child's name and class. We are experiencing the difficult task of matching lost clothes with their owners.
- Money in purses, wallets or labelled envelopes.
- No items of jewellery on P.E days and earrings removed or covered with tape.
- Gym kit is essential and should be labelled and kept in a school bag.

A day at school can be a long one for children and getting outside for fresh air, exercise and fun with friends is vital. We therefore try to ensure that the children are only kept in on days where the conditions pose a risk to safety. We ask that all children come to school each day with a jacket appropriate for the weather and the time of year.

Could all parents please make sure that all books/resources are returned to the school as they are expensive and this is a cost that the school does not need to incur. Please return any books or resources to the school as soon as possible- **no questions asked!!**

BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND- MONDAY 18---SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

Book Week Scotland is a week-long celebration of books and reading. As part of Book Week, all P1 pupils have been gifted a Bookbug Primary 1 Family Bag which was produced by the Scottish Book Trust in partnership with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government as part of Read, Write and Count. The bag contains three picture books, an activity book and other resources to promote literacy.

Primary 2 and 3 pupils also received a Read, Write and Bag containing books, fun counting games and materials for writing.

These bags are designed to inspire parents and children to read, write and count together. Please take some time to look at the website (www.scottishbooktrust.com/book-week-scotland) to see how you can support your child's literacy and numeracy development.

UNIFORM AND HOUSE BADGES

Parental support is essential to ensure a high standard of uniform and presentation and your support is appreciated. Full uniform is encouraged. Pupils have been issued with a plain coloured badge to show their house. Please make every effort to ensure this badge is worn each day.



CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH UNIFORM BANK

As you may already know, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Uniform Bank is well established in our community. This organisation collects uniforms and donates them to families who need them. You can email them directly at hello@cumbernauldkilsythcare.org.uk for more information.

P.E KIT

P.E is a very important and valued part of our curriculum and children are expected to bring their indoor and outdoor P.E Kit on the appropriate days. Please support us by ensuring that your child has his/her kit. Your child's kit should include the following:

- Gym shoes- trainers (with a light sole) are acceptable, as long as they are limited to indoor use
- Gym top/t-shirt
- Shorts and/or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor P.E



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance is vital to ensure continued progress in learning. Please ensure that your child attends school whenever possible and if your child does need to be absent, please let us know. Our school recorded the following statistics for **week ending 29th November 2019**.

In Primary 1 almost all children attended school. (98%)

In Primary 2 almost all children attended school. (98%)

In Primary 3 almost all children attended school. (98%)

In Primary 4 almost all children attended school. (97%)

In Primary 5 almost all children attended school. (97%)

In Primary 6 almost all children attended school. (97%)

In Primary 7 almost all children attended school. (97%)



We continue to encourage children to attend school every day and to arrive on time. I would appeal to you to help your child to develop the habit of regular attendance and good time keeping.

PARENT COUNCIL MATTERS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parent council for their tremendous support of the school. All money raised at events, such as our joint Christmas Fair is used to benefit our children. The date of the next parent council meeting is planned for **Wednesday 5th February 2020** at 7pm.

BREAKFAST CLUB

May we remind you that breakfast club is every school day morning from 8.15am until 8.45am. Children can only come into the school grounds before 8.30am if they are attending Breakfast Club. General supervision is offered in the playground from 8.45am until the bell at 9am.

REGISTRATION OF INFANT BEGINNERS 2020/21

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 should be registered for education during week commencing 13th January 2020. The designated times for registration are: **Monday 13th –Wednesday 15th** 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm **and Friday 17th** 9.30-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm. **Please note that you must bring your child's birth certificate and current council tax notice with you.**

Information for parents about the enrolment of children in schools and details of any placing request procedures, including early entrant requests may be obtained from the school. Parents who wish to defer entry for their child to Primary School and wish to apply for an additional year of part time pre-school education should register their child for school as described above and complete the deferred entry application form. Parents may access a booklet entitled 'Choosing a School' from the Scottish Government's website: www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0.

We need to know the number of children joining us as soon as possible so that the staffing levels for next year can be calculated. Please help us by spreading the word so that our numbers are accurate at this early stage.

TRANSFER OF PUPILS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION

Application forms for secondary education have been issued to all Primary 7 pupils. Parents who decide to make a placing request should send form PC 1(a) direct to Michelle Mullen, Contracts Section, Education and Families, Municipal Buildings, Kildonan Street, Coatbridge, ML5 3BT. Please return completed form (PC3 attachment) to the school as soon as possible.

FREE NURSERY PLACES

Will your child be 3 before 1 March 2021? If so, you should apply for a nursery place. All 3-5 year olds are entitled to this service. Details of services and application forms can be obtained from any council nursery or council approved independent nursery or by contacting **01236 812281**.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

As you will be aware, children are no longer able to purchase cartons of juice with their school lunch. They are offered milk or tap water. This is an authority wide decision. Children can however bring in a carton of juice to have with their lunch if they wish.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK 25th – 29th NOVEMBER 2019

Thank you to Mrs. Kiernan, and our fantastic team of Junior Road Safety Officers for organising a number of activities to raise awareness of road safety issues.

WET WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

Our playground is supervised from 8.45am and this is also the time children would be taken indoors, in the event of inclement weather. At breaks and lunch, if the weather is poor, children are also kept in, but it should be stressed that we do like the children to get some fresh air and request that children are wearing appropriate clothing. If inside during intervals, and lunch, all classes have monitors and staff supervise the children.

SCHOOL GATES

The area around the school gates can become very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. We kindly ask that parents and carers who are dropping off or collecting their children, ensure that they leave a path for children to come in and out through the gate safely. **For the security of all children we ask that no unauthorised adults enter the playground.**

PARKING

Parking continues to remain a difficult issue for our school. I would urge you to put the safety of our children first. Please avoid parking in the turning circle or disabled spaces (unless you have a badge), and please do not double park around the campus. There should always be free access for emergency vehicles at all times. In anticipation of your full support and co-operation, thank you.

MEDICATION

Any pupil who requires medication must have the appropriate paperwork completed before the medication can be administered in school. All medicines must be in date and properly labelled with the child's name and pharmacy instructions. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring their child's medication is in date and is made available to the school.

SICKNESS

Just a reminder that in accordance with the public health guidelines, children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms should be excluded until they have **NO** symptoms for **48 hours** after an episode of diarrhoea/and/or vomiting. We recognise that children can often feel well within themselves long before they are symptom free for 48 hours, however they can remain infectious to others. We would be extremely grateful for your support to try and reduce the number of instances of infection / re-infection and best protect the health and wellbeing of all children and staff by observing the appropriate exclusion period if your child is unwell.

HEAD LICE

Please remember to check your child's head on a regular basis for any signs of infection. It is no longer the role of the school nurse to do this. The school can no longer inform parents of any outbreaks of head lice. Advice given by the school nurse is that checks should be made on a weekly/fortnightly basis. If a child has head lice, they should be treated before returning to school. Please seek advice from your local Pharmacist or G.P about which treatments are most effective. Further information is available from www.onceaweektakeapeek.com.

GENERAL ELECTION – THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019

It has been confirmed that the school will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election. Children should not attend on this day.

HOUSE AFTERNOON- FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

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. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our joint annual Christmas performances (**Abba Happy Christmas**) will take place on the afternoons of Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December. (1.30pm). There will also be an evening performance on Tuesday 11th December. (7pm). Tickets are on sale from the school. (£3)

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

Christmas Lunch for **Primarys 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

Please note all P1-P3 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.

CHRISTMAS PARTES

P1a, P1b and P1c- Wednesday 18th December

P2a and P2b- Wednesday 18th December

P3a and P3b- Monday 16th December

P4, P4/5 and P5- Monday 16th December

P6a and P6b – Friday 13th December

P7a and P7b- Monday 16th December

JOINT CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The joint choir will perform at TESCO, Craigmarloch on **Wednesday 18th December from 10 – 11am** if you want to see them entertaining our local community.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School closes for the holidays on **Thursday 19th December 2019 at 2.30pm.**

School starts back on **Monday 6th January 2020 at 9am.**

JOINT CAMPUS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 19th December- (Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school should they wish to do so).

HOW TO CONTACT US

(t) 01236 632110 (e) enquiries@cumbernauld-pri.n-lanark.sch.uk

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. **Can I remind everyone that all emails should be sent via this email address and not directly to any member of staff.**

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.

AND FINALLY...

I would like to thank everyone for another successful year at Cumbernauld Primary. Thank you to the staff I have in the school for their hard work and dedication to the children. Thanks to all of you, our pupils, families and friends for your ongoing care and support.

Yours sincerely

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(Head Teacher)