



### Carmichael Primary School Vision

Our vision at Carmichael Primary is to prepare children for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We aim to equip them with skills for learning, life and work developing values of effort, kindness and resilience in all that they do.

### Carmichael Primary School Newsletter Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### School Values

Thank you to everyone who voted for our school values, having consulted with pupils, staff and pupils our revised school values are **kindness, respect, resilience, creativity and confidence**. This term we will start to review our curriculum rationale, staff have already been working on this and we will be seeking views of pupils and families as we move forward.

#### School Halloween Party

We will be having our Halloween party in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Pupils may bring their costumes with them to change into for the afternoon, but we would ask that they start the day in uniform or the whole day will be chaos! We would also encourage homemade and recycled costumes again and ask that costumes are not too gory or scary, or involve weapons, being considerate of our younger children. We have a number of preloved costumes that pupils are welcome to take, please drop into school or contact Karie.

#### Black History Showcase

Pupils have been celebrating Black History month this week with a range of activities, parents are invited into school to see our Black History showcase on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 2-3pm.

#### Clubs

We have some pupil led clubs starting next week organised and run by our senior pupils for the younger pupils, there will be a dance club, football club and rugby club. These will all run at lunchtimes or break, pupils can join any clubs they are interested in, there is also no pressure to join any clubs if they would rather do their own thing! Thank you to Harris for running our first Pokemon club, this has now finished.

So far, we have parent volunteers who have offered yoga, basketball, and dance, we are in the process of sorting out PVGs and dates. Mrs Macrae has started a lunchtime ICT Club, and staff will be discussing further after school clubs based on our pupil suggestions. I will also be in contact with Derek from Active Schools about coaches for other suggested clubs. As agreed our participatory budget will be used to fund coaches where necessary as well as resources for the clubs.

#### RHET Food and Farming Day

We have managed to secure places for our P6 pupils at the RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) Food and Farming event at Lanark Agricultural Centre on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is entirely funded by RHET – including transport! **Please note that this may be affected by industrial action!**

### **Lanark Grammar Transition After School Club**

A reminder for paperwork for the transition sessions to be returned as soon as possible so we can pass it on to Derek and the Active Schools team who run the clubs.

### **Industrial Action**

There is a letter attached informing parents and carers of the possibility of industrial action on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will keep you posted as and when we have information, it would also be advisable to keep an eye on South Lanarkshire's social media pages.

### **South Lanarkshire Council Budget Consultation**

We have been asked to share a link about very difficult decisions that have to be made about budget cuts. The council are seeking views about future funding for important services such as Education. Please see the link below.

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation>

### **Cairngryffe Church**

Cairngryffe Cuppa, Craft and Chat group will start on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 1-3pm. For more details contact Angela on 07543796820.

### **Halloween Party**

There will be a community Halloween Party in the Village Hall on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4-6pm. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. There will be food, games, a spooky walk, and guising. **RSVP by 13.10.23** to [eventsarmichael@gmail.com](mailto:eventsarmichael@gmail.com)

### **Head Lice**

Please remember to check your children's heads regularly. Below is some information from NHS inform.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

### **Preloved Uniform and costumes!**

Thank you to Karie for all her work organising our preloved uniform, it is there all the time so feel free to pop in at drop off or pick up time for a browse. We also have some Halloween / dressing up costumes available as we will be encouraging recycled and homemade costumes again this year. If you have any uniform or costumes that you want to donate, please drop them off at the school and Karie will organise them and let everyone know what is there.

### **Parent Portal**

If you have not yet registered for the parent portal you can do so here, <https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/> you will need your MyGovScot details (ParentPay) if you do not use ParentPay you can register here <https://www.mygov.scot/myaccount> .

Parents have fed back that it is easier to use through the app which can be accessed here for android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tcs.digigov.parentsportal&pli=1> or here for apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/parentsportal-scot/id1670563383> .

If you are still having problems, you are welcome to come into school and register using one of our chromebooks and Mrs Mitchell can guide you through the process.

**Dates for the diary –**

<b>Term 2</b>	
27.10.23	Dress Down Day
31.10.23	School Halloween Party 1-3 pm
02.11.23	Black History showcase (parents welcome 2-3pm)
08.11.23	RHET Food & Farming P6 pupils only
17.11.23	Visit to Braehead Primary (Literacy focus)
18.12.23	Christmas performance?
20.12.23	Jingle Bell Walk (parents welcome 2-3pm weather permitting!)
22.12.23	School Christmas Party am Schools close 2.30 pm
<b>Term 3</b>	
08.01.24	Return to school
29.01.24	Scots performance (parents welcome 2-3pm)
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Break – School closed
14.02.24	In-set day – school closed to pupils
20.02.24	Braehead Pr. Visiting Carmichael (focus TBC)
07.03.24	World Book Day
14.03.24	Cross Country (Lanark racecourse)
19.03.24 – 18.06.24 (Tuesdays x 12)	Swimming P5 & P6 1.30 Lanark Lifestyles
25.03.24	Parents' night 2
27.03.24	Dance show Lanark Memorial Hall time TBC
28.03.24	Schools close 2.30pm
<b>Term 4</b>	
15.04.24	Schools return for term 4
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> April	Lockerbie residential trip P6 & P7
02.05.24	In-set day – school closed to pupils
06.05.24	May Day holiday
07.05.24 – 11.06.24 (Tuesdays x 6)	Bikeability for P7s
10.05.24	Carmichael visiting Braehead Pr. (focus TBC)
16.05.24	Small Schools Football Festival
31.05.24	Reports to parents
03.06.24	Sports afternoon
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Lanimers – School closed
11.06.24	Great Science Share - parents welcome am.
24.06.24	Leavers Ceremony – time TBC
26.06.24	Schools close at 1pm
14.08.24	Return to school!

