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Carmichael Primary School Newsletter **Friday 1st December 2023**

It's Chriiiiistmas!

Rehearsals are now well underway for our Christmas performance and the children sound great already, thank you to everyone who is obviously working on words at home, it really helps. The more practise they get the better, especially for the wee ones!

Our Christmas performance will take place on the 18th December in Cairngryffe Church at 1.30pm. After the performance the Parent Council would like to invite parents and carers back to school for homebaking, refreshments and the opportunity to purchase some of our pupils' Christmas crafts. We will also be doing our traditional guess the weight of Mrs Telfer's delicious Christmas Cake, and guess the cuddly toy's birthday! Any donations of home baking would be very gratefully received, I am always astonished by the generosity of our community when it comes to baking!

Eco Committee Food Bank Collection

We have had a tremendous response to our Food Bank Foodraiser, today is the last day for donations, however, I am going to be taking it to Carluke on Wednesday next week, so if you have any last-minute items you want to donate or drop in you have until Wednesday morning!

Winter Weather Gear

Yesterday was our first snowy, slushy, gritty day of the winter and the carpets suffered. Can we remind you that all pupils should have a pair of indoor shoes to change into. This not only keeps the carpets clean but helps us ensure our classrooms and learning areas are as hygienic as possible as many active and independent learning activities take place on the carpet areas.

We would also expect all pupils to come to school with a warm waterproof jacket and ideally hat and gloves – please put names or some sort of identifying mark on to reduce the likelihood of them getting lost.

I would also advise sending a change of clothes on snowy days, because the children will ask to play in the snow, and unless there is a real health and safety risk we will say yes!

Peace Chain

Carmichael Primary are going to be creating a peace chain, this is to acknowledge it is a difficult time for many people for many reasons and that there is a lot of unrest in the world at the moment. We are encouraging pupils, staff, and families, to contribute some links to our peace chain by writing a message or drawing a picture or symbol of peace, love or hope. Let's see how long we can make our chain, we will send some links home to make with the children and will have some available for any visitors to our school throughout December.

Curriculum rationale

Thanks for all the contributions towards our revised curriculum rationale, if you have not already, you can leave comments in this Google form. <https://forms.gle/gDyau2HpV7RDZr56> I will be closing

the Google form on Friday 1st December. From the Google form responses so far, a Tuesday morning seems to be the best time to meet, so I am inviting any parents or carers who are available to join us at 9.30am on Tuesday 12th December to discuss a draft curriculum rationale.

Packed Lunches for Panto visit!

All children will require a packed lunch for our visit to the Panto on the 14th December. School packed lunches are available but would have to be ordered by the 4th December to ensure that ingredients are ordered in good time. You can order lunches on this Google form.

<https://forms.gle/YWa1kMX8NriH1Mfa9>

Tinto Parishes Christmas Family All Age Event

On Saturday 9th December there will be a family friendly Christmas event in the Cairngryffe church involving Christmas crafts and carols. All welcome from 2-4pm, all children should be accompanied by an adult.

Enrolment for P1 August 2024

If you, or someone you know, will be enrolling their child to start school in August 2024, you can register online from 8th January. You can find more information below.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school

Preloved Uniform!

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. If you have any uniform that you want to donate, please drop them off at the school and Karie will organise them and let everyone know what is there.

Dates for the diary –

Term 2	
01.12.23	Last day for foodbank donations. Last day for Google form responses
04.12.23	Last day for ordering packed lunches for Panto
11.12.23	Flu vaccinations
12.12.23	Curriculum rationale meeting 9.30am
14.12.23	Pantomime – Pavilion Theatre
15.12.23	Christmas Lunch
18.12.23	Christmas performance - afternoon
20.12.23	Jingle Bell Walk (parents welcome 2-3pm weather permitting!)
22.12.23	School Christmas Party am Schools close 2.30 pm
Term 3	
08.01.24	Return to school
29.01.24	Scots performance (parents welcome 2-3pm)
12 th & 13 th 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
Term 4	
15.04.24	Schools return for term 4
17 th -19 th 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 th & 7 th 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!