



CARING FRIENDLY HARDWORKING



Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I very much hope that all families had a relaxing September weekend.

Meet the Teacher Event

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 22 September 2022. We received a good level of feedback from parents/carers from this event. If you were unable to give feedback at the time then an email has been sent out to all parents/carers with a Google Form to complete to submit your feedback. Thank you for your support. Your feedback is important.

We would value all responses to be submitted by Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Autumn Weather



As the season changes and the colder weather arrives, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, clearly marked with their name. We always try to allow the children outdoor breaks when possible.

Parent Council Meeting



Our next Parent Council Meeting of the school session will be held tonight at 6pm. Meetings are open to all members of the Parent Forum. Please contact the school for further information if you wish to attend and we can pass on your information to the chair of the Parent Council.

Participatory Budgeting Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 2pm. All parents/carers who would like to be involved in suggesting what this fund should be used for are welcome to attend. During this week's meeting all attendees will agree on a short list of possibilities for spending. You will receive a link to cast your vote. We ask that all parents/carers complete this as soon as possible.

Cathkin Chat

We look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers, as possible, to our first 'Cathkin Chat' on **Wednesday 5 October at 9:15am.**

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly is being held on Friday 7 October at 1:30pm. Parent/Carers are welcome to attend. **Please remember to send your donations to the school this week.**



Walk on and Well-being Wednesdays

As part of our strategy to promote pupil wellbeing and to encourage positive action in reducing pollution we will be continuing to encourage pupils to 'Walk on Wednesdays' and to bring a healthy snack to school.

Hand Washing



Recently there have been a few children absent from school with stomach bugs/sore stomachs. We have also had a case of worms. I would therefore be grateful if you would remind your child/children to ensure that they wash their hands after visiting the toilet and before eating their snack/ lunch to avoid transfer of germs. Thank you.

Parent Consultations



We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultations which will be held on Thursday 10 November from 3.30 until 8.30 pm. Parents will have a one to one (7 minute) appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress with learning as well as their behaviour/attitude in school. Parents will also have an opportunity to look at a variety of their child's classwork so far this session.

Book Fair

The school book fair will also be open on Parents' consultations evening. Parents/Children will have an opportunity to purchase books and a selection of stationery items.

Pre-loved School Uniform

We have supply of pre-loved and nearly-new school sweatshirts, cardigans and jumpers which are available to families who require support. If you require support to ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the wintry weather then please email the school office: office@cathkin-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Fernbrae Meadows

As part of our commitment to extend learning beyond the classroom, learning experiences may be planned to take place locally at Fernbrae Meadows. As Fernbrae is within our local environment then there is no requirement to obtain an additional signature of authorisation from parents/carers for learning experiences taking place at Fernbrae.

'Hands Up' Travel Survey

During September we completed a 'Hands Up' Travel Survey which polled pupils' travel arrangements to school. As the nights begin to get darker, we will be encouraging pupils to 'Be Seen.'



October is International Walk to School month. We would encourage everyone to try their best to walk to school (or park further away and walk some of the way - Park and Stride). This will have benefits for health, road safety awareness for children and a positive action in reducing pollution. Please refer to the website: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/international-walk-to-school-month>



Parent Council Halloween Disco

Our Parent Council will be hosting a Halloween disco for pupils later on this month. The planned date for this event is **Thursday 27 October 2022**. Further details regarding this event will be sent in a separate letter once planning for the event has been completed.

If anyone would like to donate Halloween costumes/outfits that are in good condition then we are happy to 'recycle them.' Please hand any 'pre-loved' clothing into the school office.

Climate Change and Sustainability Conference - Cathkin Climate Heroes

Representatives from our Eco Committee will be attending a Climate Change and Sustainability Conference on Wednesday 12 October 2022. Their role will be to share with pupils from other schools the work that we have undertaken and to gather any innovative ideas on how we can continue to encourage our school community to look after the environment. Mrs Stark will attend this event along with our pupil representatives.

Wet Weather Arrangements

On wet weather days all pupils should enter via the senior playground and go directly into the school gym hall. **Staff will be present to supervise pupils in the gym hall from 8:50am.** Where possible, pupils should not be dropped off at school any earlier than this time unless they plan to attend our breakfast club which starts at 8:30am.

Attendance Procedures

Are you sure your child is at school today?



If your child is unable to attend school for any reason you should let the school know. Notify the school first thing in the morning when your child is going to be absent. Let the school know the date of return and keep them informed if the date changes. The school must be kept fully informed of any change to the following:

- home telephone number
- mobile number
- emergency contact details

Where no notification of absence has been received the school will make all reasonable attempts to contact:

- parent/carer
- emergency contact

In certain circumstances the school may seek advice from other agencies. The safety and wellbeing of our children is everyone's prime concern. By working together and sharing information we can minimise risk and keep our children safe. If you wish to discuss any issues related to attendance at school, please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Black.

Photo Permission/ Internet Agreement/ Data Check Forms

We would be grateful if you can return any EV5's, photo permission, Internet Agreement or Data Check forms back to the school via your child's school back asap. Thank you!

Dates for your Diary - October

Monday 3rd Parent Council 6pm – all welcome

Tuesday 4th and 11th Participatory Budget Meeting (2pm)

Wednesday 5th 'Cathkin Chat' – 9:15am

Friday 7th Harvest Assembly- Parents/carers welcome (1:30pm)

Monday 10th - P3 Boomerang Project – Reach-Out Trust

Wednesday 13th P3 Play Awards - Launch

Friday 14th Go Red for Dyslexia

Friday 14th Awards Assembly (1:30pm)

Monday 17th – Friday 21st October Break

Thursday 27th Parent Council Halloween Discos (£1)

Friday 28th 'Halloween Hop (sponsored dance)

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child's progress at school, then please do not hesitate to contact myself, or a member of our school leadership team by email or telephone:

Email: office@cathkin-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

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'Working together to nurture every child providing opportunities for them to grow and achieve; a stepping-stone to their future.'