



CARING FRIENDLY HARDWORKING



January

Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new year and new school session. We hope that 2023 will be a year of peace, prosperity, health and happiness. At Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class we will continue to place the needs of our learners and their families at the heart of our work. We look forward to your continued support.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Events held last month. It was great to be able to welcome family and friends back into our school after the past few years of virtual events. Thanks also to our Parent Council for providing each pupil with a selection box at Christmas and for the generosity of pupils and parents for Christmas gifts received by staff.



Planned Industrial Action

Please be reminded that the school will be closed tomorrow on Tuesday 10 January 2023 due to industrial action by teaching unions. The school will re-open on Wednesday 11 January at 9am.

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Monday 16 January 2023**. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Further details regarding how to join the meeting will follow via the school app/email. We look forward to welcoming as many interested parents and carers to this meeting.

Wintry Weather Conditions



Although the weather at present is mild, communication is the key. If you wish to be included in our school communication network, then please download our school app as we will continue to use this communication channel to enable us to give you notice of any exceptional closures.

Indoor/Gym Shoes



Please check your child's gym shoes. We have noticed some shoes are quite worn or getting tight for children. Please replace where necessary. Thank you.

Gritting - Ice/Snow

During freezing weather, a programme of gritting will be initiated by the school janitor in consultation with myself and support services. This will be sufficient to enable operations to be carried out safely within the school grounds and particular attention will be paid to pedestrian walkways and areas where vehicle risk may be present due to reasons of speed adverse slope/camber, cornering requirements or stopping areas. When significant snowfall occurs an assessment of snow clearance will be made, and appropriate action will be taken bearing in mind the above risk factors and any others that may arise.



Request to Remain

During the school year, some families move house in the local area. If you move house, please can you inform the school of your new address as soon as possible. Please also check if your new home address is still within the catchment area for Cathkin Primary School. If the address is not within the catchment area, then a 'Request to Remain' form will need to be completed. These can be obtained from the school office.



Enrolment of New Beginners - School



Online registration of infant beginners starting in August begins from Monday 9 January 2023. Children who attain the age of five between 1 March 2023 and the end of February 2024 should be registered. **Parents** should register their child and upload a copy of their child's **full** birth certificate (*abbreviated certificate not accepted*), along with copies of 2 items of proof of residency (e.g. utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card). If any parent/carer is unable to access completing their child's registration online, please contact the school office (0141 634 4569) and our office staff will be available to assist.

Enrolment for New Beginners - Nursery

Applications for nursery places will be taken in the months of January and February 2023. This is for the 2023/2024 session. The closing date for all applications will be the end of February. Any applications taken after this date will be considered late applications and will take longer to process.

If you or anyone you know may like to apply, please contact the nursery to speak with a nursery team leader on 041 634 4569 (Option 3) and they will be able to assist you with your application.

Transfer to High School

For those parents whose child is transferring to High School, a letter regarding this transition was issued before the Christmas break. Please confirm receipt of your child's transfer arrangements by email or telephone by **Friday 20 January 2023**. Should you have any questions regarding your child's transition to high school then please contact the school.



Reading Book Return

Just a reminder to all our infant parents to ensure that you return your child's reading book as a new book will not be re-issued until the previous reading book is returned to school.

School Uniform - Labelling

We would value your support in ensuring that you label your child's uniform in order to enable us to return 'lost' items of clothing and footwear more easily - Thank you.

Burns Celebrations

This year we are celebrating Burns by organising in a variety of class-based activities for pupils and families to enjoy. A letter outlining our plans will be issued next week.

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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Head Teacher



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