



CARING FRIENDLY HARDWORKING



# November



## Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another school term at Cathkin Primary. I hope you all had a great October holiday and that you are looking forward to another busy term in our school calendar.

As the weather has now turned and winter months are upon us, please ensure your child attends school equipped for outdoor play. We will always endeavour to enable outdoor breaks and lunchtimes over the confines of indoor breaks. Please remember to label all clothing.

We would like to thank our Parents' Forum for organising and hosting the Halloween discos last Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed their disco and the Halloween themed activities which were also available to some of our learners within our supported classes Thanks to all of the staff and parents who also gave up their time to volunteer and ensure that the discos ran smoothly.



### **Parent Consultations**

Just a reminder that our Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday 7 November from 3.30 until 8.00 pm. Parents will have a one-to-one 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' evening. Parents/Children will have an opportunity to purchase books and a selection of stationery items.



### **Poppies**

Poppies have been on sale since last Monday for a suggested donation of 20p. All monies raised will go to support the Poppy Scotland Appeal.

### **Winter Illness**

Please can you remind your child of the importance of regular good hand hygiene. This will support us to minimise the impact of colds, flu and norovirus during the upcoming winter months.

### **Road Safety Week**

Road Safety week will take place 17 November to 23 November 2024. Our Junior Road Safety Officers will be supporting their peers when exploring the theme of 'After the Crash. Every road victim counts'.



### **Indoor Shoes**

We would appreciate your support with ensuring that your child has soft, indoor shoes to wear whilst inside the building. As the weather is changing and the playground has become muddy in some areas, this may unfortunately be brought in and onto our carpets. We would also encourage children to avoid playing on the grass when the weather is wet/muddy.

### **Attendance**

At Cathkin Primary School and Nursery Class we value excellent attendance and recognise the connection between regular attendance at school and the attainment and achievement of our pupils. This school session we are aiming, in line with South Lanarkshire Council guidelines, for all pupils to achieve at least 95% attendance for the school session and should not be late in order to maximise opportunities for our pupils to make progress with their learning. At the end of October you will have received a letter, via parentsportal, which outlined your child's attendance from 14 August 2024 - 11 October 2024. Well done to all pupils who attended school each day of our first term. Keep up the great work! Further letters may be issued each month to parents/carers to celebrate improvement in attendance or to offer further support to improve low attendance, in line with Cathkin Learning Community's Attendance Policy.

### **Evaluation of Learning**

During the w/b 23 September and 30 September staff assessed pupils' progress in literacy, numeracy and Health and Well-being. The data from these assessments will be used by staff to identify next steps in learning. The senior leadership team have also met with staff to review learners' progress and to review the support in place.

### **Bikes and Scooters**

Just a polite reminder to parents/carers that if your child is scootering or cycling to or from school either supervised or non-supervised, please do not allow your child to cycle close to or around the ASN Transport area. This is for your child's safety and the safety of other pedestrians/drivers. Please note that a **5mph** speed limit operates within our school grounds.

### **Pupil Equity Funding**

In session 2024-2025 Cathkin Primary School has been awarded £115,150 from the Pupil Equity Fund. This fund will be used in a variety of ways to 'Raise Attainment' and close the 'Poverty-Related Attainment Gap' in line with our School Improvement Plans. The following table outlines the areas we have identified for spending:

Planned Spend	Approximate Cost	School Improvement Priority
Staffing	£77,150	1, 2 and 3
Raising Attainment in Literacy	£3,570	1 and 2
Raising Attainment in Numeracy	£4,100	1
Improving Health and Well-being	£8,200	3
Reducing the Cost of the School Day	£8,000	1, 2 and 3
Other	£7,200	1, 2 and 3
Participatory Budget	£6,909	1, 2 and 3

## Head Lice



We would like to remind all parents/carers of the importance of regular Bugbusting and would appreciate your support by regularly checking your child's hair.

Head lice are well camouflaged and hide when disturbed by combing. They do not always cause itching, particularly when recently arrived on the head. They may also be few in number and a quick inspection is unlikely to detect them. The following method of detection is effective:

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo, then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. It is easier to do this with wet hair and using hair conditioner.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine-tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke. The comb must be fine enough to catch the lice -size indicated below -do not confuse lice or their eggs with clumps of dandruff or other debris.
- Check the comb for lice after each stroke as you work through the hair section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through, then rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- This can be undertaken on a regular basis -e.g. at routine hair washing sessions -to detect the presence of lice before they can spread. Check all family members at the same time and arrange treatment when lice are found. If you find lice, then there are two options. Whichever option you choose it is important to recognise that neither will protect against re-infection if head-to-head contact is made with someone with head lice at a later date. You may therefore wish to undertake occasional checks during hair washing sessions.

### Option 1: Lotions and creme rinses using insecticides

Do not use lotions or rinses unless you find a living moving louse. Check all close family/friends by the "wet combing" method, as described, and treat anyone who is found to have lice at the same time, to prevent re-infection.

### Option 2: The "Bug Busting" treatment method

This aims at systematic removal of live lice by combing through the hair and physically removing any lice found. Success depends largely upon adopting a painstaking approach.

**Bug Buster:** Help Line: 020 7686 4321

**Internet:** [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting)    [www.nits.net](http://www.nits.net)



### Volunteering to support at Parents' Forum planned events - PVG Procedure Note

The procedure for applying for both a New Member and an Existing Member PVG is outlined below:

For any PVG applications the following information is required -

3 items of ID:

- one to be photographic,
- one confirming the applicant's address (dated within the last 3 months)
- one confirming the applicant's date of birth.

This information is required whether or not the applicant is already an existing member of the PVG scheme or are newly looking to join the scheme.

- If the applicant is already a member we need to know what vulnerable group/s they are currently registered to work with i.e. children, adults or both.
- If already a member can they confirm their PVG number if possible.

The Lead Person of the Parents' Forum will then complete the other information required:

- What vulnerable group/s they will be working with under SLC (children/adults/both)
- Work Location
- The volunteers email address
- If the applicant will be paying for the PVG themselves or SLC are paying for it (*Parent helpers PVG's council funded & Student's PVG's will be charged to the applicant*).

**All proofs of ID should be handed to the Lead Person for copying and verification. All proofs of ID will then be submitted along with the other information required.**

### Dates for your Diary

Parents' Forum Meeting (in person/online)	Monday 04 November
School Book Fair	Monday 04 November - Monday 11 November
Parent/Carer Consultations	Thursday 07 November
In-service Day (school closed to pupils)	Monday 11 November
Room 1 - Welcome to our Classroom	Wednesday 13 November (2:10pm)
P7 Remembrance Assembly	Wednesday 13 November
P3 (Room 5) 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Families Workshop	Wednesday 20 November (am)
P1 (Room 3) Stay and Play Event	Tuesday 26 November (am)
P2/1 (Room 4) 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Families Workshop	Wednesday 27 November (am)
Enterprise Café - Pupils only	Friday 22 November (tbc)



### **Just over 8 Weeks to CHRISTMAS!!**

As we begin to look towards and plan for the festive season we would value the support of our parents and carers as well as our wider school community. We would appreciate any donations that you can give towards our Christmas Hampers. If any parents/carers are available to assist with arrangements for our Christmas Fayre then please contact our Parents' Forum as they will be taking the lead in running our Christmas Fayre this year in collaboration with school staff.

## Videoring Christmas Events



During the course of our Christmas festivities pupils will participate in events E.g. Nativity to which we invite family and friends to enjoy. Videoring at these events is **not permitted**. Photographs should only be taken of your individual child/children and an opportunity to safely do this at the end of events without breaching data protection will always be made available. Photographs of any school activity should not be posted on social network sites e.g. Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram etc.

School staff will endeavour to take a selection of photographs during events and ensure that these are uploaded to our school website in order that you can see and read about the highlights of the various activities going on within our school.



## Forthcoming Christmas Events

We would like to give you advance notice of the Christmas events that we have planned for next month.

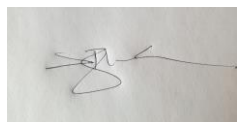
- Awards Assembly - Friday 6 December (pm)
- Infant Nativity (**P1 -P3 supported by P4**) - Tuesday 10 December (pm) and Wednesday 13 December (am)
- Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 11 December
- P6 Christmas Unwrapped (Fernhill and Cathkin Parish Church) - Thursday 12 December (am)
- Christmas Fayre (pm) and Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12 December
- Nursery Nativity - Friday 13 December (am)
- P6, P7, Room 10 and Room 11 Christmas Parties - Friday 13 December (pm)
- Christmas Service (Cathkin PS) - Monday 16 December (pm)
- Nursery, P1 and P2 Christmas Parties - Tuesday 17 December (pm)
- Christmas Pantomime (East Kilbride Village Theatre) - Wednesday 18 December (am)
- Room 1, 2, 4A, 4B and Room 12 Christmas Parties - Wednesday 18 December (pm)
- P3, P4 and P5 Christmas Parties - Thursday 19 December (pm)
- School closes - Friday 20 December @ 2:30pm

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:

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