



CARING FRIENDLY HARDWORKING



February

Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are looking forward to the mid-term break which will be on Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 March. Pupils will also not attend school on Wednesday 19 February as this is an in-service day for staff.

Early Years - Enrolment for New Beginners

Applications for nursery places will continue to be taken this month. This is for session 2025/2026. The closing date for all applications will be the end of February 25. Any applications taken after this date will be considered late applications and will take longer to process.

If you or anyone you know wishes to apply for a nursery place for a child, then please contact the nursery 0141 634 4569 (Option 3) and the nursery team leader will be available to speak with you and assist you with your application.

Mobile Phones in School

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that if you are allowing your child to bring their mobile phone to school, we would value your support in reminding your child that their phone should be **switched off** once they enter the school playground/school building. **Mobile phones should not be used out in the playground or in any area of our school building prior to the school bell in the morning nor as children are leaving the school playground at 3pm.** The procedure in place for any pupil who brings a mobile phone to school is that the pupil must switch their phone off and then they are asked to hand in their phone as they are going into their class. Mobiles phones are then kept in a safe place and returned to pupils at the end of the school day.

Please can you ensure that your child is aware of the procedure in place and that they follow this guidance to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff - Thank you.

Alert



There have been instances of head lice in the school recently - please remember to check your child's hair regularly and keep up the Bug Busting. Bug Busting is a head louse detection and eradication method that is recommended to deal with the problem instead of relying on pesticides. Bug Busting works by combining the specially designed comb with your usual shampoo and conditioner. If you require more information on this subject, then please visit www.nits.net.

If you discover head lice in your child's hair please follow the guidance below:

- **Contact the school to advise them that your child has headlice.**
- **Treat your child's hair - School staff will advise on appropriate treatment.**
- **Wash all bedding and Hoover bed, where possible.**
- **Clean, soft toys, where necessary.**
- **Once treated your child can attend school**
- **Check your child's hair regularly.**



Indoor Shoes

Just a reminder that we would be grateful if all children bring in a change of shoes to wear indoors especially for our infant play based learning zone. This is for health and safety as well as hygiene. We have noted some children who are not changing their shoes due to their indoor shoes being too small. Please check whether your child's indoor footwear needs replaced. Thank you.

ASN (Supported Classes) Coffee Afternoon - Biscuit and a Blether

On Tuesday 25th February we will be hosting an informal 'Biscuit and a Blether' (coffee afternoon) for parents/carers of pupils within our ASN (supported classes) department. We will be joined by Speech and Language, Active Schools and Love Autism who will be available to share information and answer any questions parents/carers may have. Mrs Cruickshanks will also attend to chat about the use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) in our classrooms.

Parking within the School Car Park



Thank you to all drivers who have adhered to our parking arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day. I would ask that parents who arrive prior to 9:00am or 2:45pm, refrain from 'engine idling' as the fumes from car engines are potentially hazardous to health.



Can I also remind all drivers of the importance of respecting our 5mph speed limit when entering and leaving the school car park. I hope that all parent/carers/ drivers who drive to drop off/ pick up their child/children continue to ensure that they follow this guidance.

Pick Up at 3pm - Infant Playground

Just a polite reminder to all parents/carers of pupils being picked up at the infant playground gates. Children can **only** be dismissed once they are at the front of their class line and the teacher in charge can see which adult the child is going home with. We would appreciate if parents/carers would refrain from calling their child forwards to the front of the line and encouraging to walk past their teacher and out of the gate before they have been safely dismissed.

Nurture Week



During the week beginning Monday 10 February we will be celebrating Nurture Week at school. Throughout this week learners will engage in various activities to develop their understanding of nurture, kindness and empathy. Below is an outline of the focus for each day during Nurture Week.

- **Motivational Monday**
- **Talk it Tuesday**
- **Walk a Mile Wednesday**
- **Thoughtful Thursday**
- **Feel Good Fruit Friday**

We are excited to host our first Wellbeing Cafe on Wednesday 12th February 3-4pm. The Wellbeing Cafe will provide an opportunity for families to spend time together engaging in relaxing, mindfulness activities.

Friday 14 February will be a 'Dress Down Day'. Pupils can come to school dressed in the colour of their favourite fruit. During this day, each class will be working with our Pupil Attachment Ambassadors, Staff and Parent Volunteers to make healthy fruit kebabs to enjoy in class. We are looking forward to a happy and healthy Nurture Week.

Money Matters

To support our strategy to reduce the cost of the school day, please be aware of the following advisory service.



The Money Matters Advice Service is a free and confidential service that helps people living in South Lanarkshire or working for South Lanarkshire Council claim benefits and deal with debt. They can give you free unbiased advice on a range of benefit and debt issues and will work with you by discussing all your options and come up with a plan together. They can help with:

- the cost-of-living crisis including advice on energy arrears
- gas and electricity top up vouchers
- debt advice including mortgage and rent arrears and dealing with creditors
- benefits advice
- budgeting

Contact number: 0300 029 0041

Parents' Forum Meeting



Our next Parents' Forum meeting will take place on **Monday 3 March 2025**. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom as well as an in-person meeting at the school. Further details regarding how to join the meeting will follow via parentsportal. We look forward to welcoming as many interested parents and carers to this meeting.

Reading Books

Please can you check at home for any unreturned Bug Club or Rigby Star reading books. We have a number of books missing which has left incomplete sets to use to teach the children with. We would be grateful if you return any reading books that belong to the school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Dates for your Diary

Nurture Week	W/b 10 Feb 25
School Closes	Friday 14 Feb 25 @ 3:00pm
Mid-Term Holiday	Monday 17 - Tuesday 18 Feb 25 (inclusive)
Inservice Day - staff only	Wednesday 19 Feb 25
School re-opens	Thursday 20 Feb 25 @ 9:00am

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

Tele: 0141 634 4569

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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.'