

Our Values

Respect
 Honesty
 Equality
 Co-operation
 Responsibility
 Fairness

Callander Courier



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Dream, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
 Here is our termly newsletter which will provide information on learning and forthcoming events for the term ahead.

Learning Contexts for Summer Term:

The learning contexts for this term are:

- Nursery – Life Cycles/Minibeasts**
- ASD Provision – Minibeasts / Construction / Community Cafe**
- P1 – Under the Sea**
- P1/2 – People Who Help Us**
- P2 - Minibeasts**
- P3 – Seas and Oceans**
- P3/4 –Pollinators**
- P4 – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**
- P5- Our Sustainable Planet**
- P6- – Northcoast 500 / 1940's 1950's**
- P6/ 7 – Challenge TV!**
- P7– More heroes Needed**

As well as undertaking learning within these contexts, all children will participate in a Health Week. Images will be published on Twitter of events taking place this week.

CAN YOU HELP US?

If you have any books, resources or expertise in these areas and would be willing to support the classes, please contact our class teachers or school office.



Communication

You can use the following to find out further information about school and your child's learning:

Callander Primary App – available on iPhone and Android app stores

School Website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/callanderps/>

Twitter:

[@CallanderP](https://twitter.com/CallanderP)

Facebook:

Callander Nursery has Facebook page

Parent Pay:

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

Parent Council:

<http://www.callanderprimaryschool.org.uk/>

Stirling Council:

<http://my.stirling.gov.uk/home>

Education Scotland:

<https://education.gov.scot/>

Parent Zone:

<https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone>

Primary 7 Social Enterprise Project

Back in September 2018 our Primary 7's took part in a social enterprise project alongside the Social Enterprise Academy. The children had to pitch their ideas to a panel of judges.

One of our successful groups is about to turn their idea in to reality by establishing a bee- friendly garden in the grounds of Callander Youth Project. In order to raise some funds to buy plants for the garden the group are organising a non - uniform day on Friday 17th May 2019. On this day children will be able to come to school in bright coloured clothes (no football strips please) to represent the colours of the flowers to be planted. There will also be a lucky dip and some simple face painting. More detail of this event will follow.

Term Dates April to June 2019

Summer Term	Monday 15 th April 2019	Term Starts
	Monday 6 th May 2019	<i>Local Holiday</i>
	Friday 28 th June 2018	Last Day of Term
Summer Holiday	Monday 1 st July 2019	Starts
	Monday 19 th August 2019	Teachers return
	Tuesday 20 th August 2019	Pupils return

Additional Callander Primary Dates for this term.

April 2019	30 th	7pm Parent Council
May 2019	2 nd	Bikeability Group 1 Session 2
	2 nd	Glee Finals Albert Halls
	9 th	Bikeability Group 2 Session 1
	16 th	Bikeability Group 2 Session 2
	23 rd and 24 th	P7 Transition Day to McLaren High School
June 2019	23 rd	11.15am Nursery and Buddy Lunch
	3 rd – 7 th	Health Week
	4 th	6pm Composite Classes information session for parents
	7 th	Sports Day (weather dependent?) – am Potted Sports / pm competitive sports
	14 th	Reports issued to day
	18 th	2pm and 6.30pm Information session for parents of new Primary 1 children
	19 th	Children to meet new teacher 9.30-10.30am
	21 st	Summer disco
	25 th	7-9 pm P7 Leavers event at CYP
	26 th	Children to meet new teacher 1pm-2pm
	27 th	1.30pm Church Service
28 th	Last Day of Term – School closes 1pm	

Occasionally, events are organised at short notice. We will endeavour to provide as much information as we can prior to these events taking place.

Callander Primary is through to the finals!



Callander Primary has made it through to the finals of the Scottish Education Awards. This is a tremendous achievement with the quantity and quality of entries being very high. We have been nominated for the Learning for Sustainability award which covers many different areas including our approach to ECO issues, our development of languages including French, Makaton and British Sign Language, our Nurture approaches, our focus on the World of Work and our Citizenship Groups. The winners are announced in early June and we are very much looking forward to being part of the ceremony in Glasgow.

Our visit to Dalguise



Primary 7's residential visit recently took place at PGL's outdoor venue at Dalguise in Perthshire. This was one of the events, part of the transition programme to High School alongside all of the other primary schools within McLaren Learning Community. The children had a fantastic time trying new things and making new friends.

Just a gentle reminder that initial deposits for next year's visit to Dalguise are now due for current Primary 6 children.

Parental Engagement

Engaging with parents and carers is crucial to raising attainment and ensuring that all children feel supported and progress in their learning. Below is an update on some improvements and changes that have recently been undertaken as a result of self -evaluation and improvement work involving parents and carers.

Playground Project

Following phase one of our playground project our team of parents have been successful in gaining further funding from a variety of local and national associations to help us plan for the second phase of our project.

Our School Parliament have been involved in choosing the equipment and features of our new trim trail and we are looking forward to using the new equipment when it is installed.



Pupil Equity Fund Survey

The Scottish Government have committed to giving schools additional funding to support raising attainment. Following our survey at our Parent Consultation event in March the following areas were identified by parents and carers as being important interventions for our Pupil Equity Fund to focus on:

- Children's health and wellbeing,
- Healthy living
- High quality learning experiences.

These results will be incorporated into plans discussed with children and staff and will be evidence in our School Improvement Plan for 2019 / 2020.

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Composite Classes Information Workshop for parents/ carers

As we begin to organise new classes for next session we would like to invite parents and carers to an information workshop focusing on how classes are structured and organised.

This will be an opportunity to find out more about Stirling Council's approach to class organisation and to answer any questions or queries you may have. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 4th June at 6pm** at Callander Primary.



Useful information

Nut-free School

To protect children who have a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts, it is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child that will be eaten in school.

School Car Park Safety

Can we remind parents that the school car park is for the use of staff and visitors to the school. **We would respectfully ask all other parents not to use the school car park.** It is not safe to drop your child off in the car park in the morning due to the number of cars and taxis accessing this facility. Many thanks for helping to ensure the safety of all our children.



It is important for your child to stay hydrated at school. Please can they come to school each day with a named water bottle. They can top up at our water fountain. Water bottles are available from the school office for £1.

House Badges are also available from the school office for 25p.

Reducing Illness in School

To reduce the impact of the spread of illness in school for pupils and staff please can you adhere to the following:

- A child **must not** return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhea.
Any child returning to school before this will be sent home.
- Encourage your children if they have a cough to cough into the crease of their elbow and not their hands.

Encourage your child to wash their hands after going to the toilet. We request this in school in addition to the use of hand gel in every classroom.

Reporting of Child Absence in School

In order for us to help you ensure your child is safe please report any absence to the school office by 9.30 am. This may be by email callaps@stirling.gov.uk or by phone

Smoking in School Grounds - As a health promoting school we encourage the children to develop their understanding of how to have a healthy lifestyle in a variety of ways. We would therefore, kindly ask parents and carers to support us in this by refraining from smoking on or near to school grounds at times when the children are being picked up, dropped off or at times when the children are accessing the outdoors learning

environment.



Staying Safe Online – As the children become more confident with and have greater access to the internet it is important that we help them understand both the positives and the negatives of accessing online content. We talk about this with the children at school but if you would like to support your child at home too then these links will be of use to you:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>