



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 Autumn Term:

We are starting this term with all classes focusing on our "Love Literacy" context. This context allows the children to develop their love for all things to do with literature and language. Each class has a focus book or novel and is undertaking a wide variety of activities relating to the stories they hear including the First Minister's Reading Challenge. This work will culminate in a celebration assembly and you will see what each class has been learning at the "Meet the Teacher" event in September (see below for more information).
Currently the classes are also taking part in lots of class community building activities as well as establishing their class charters using the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Following our Love Literacy focus the learning contexts for each class will be:

- Nursery – Settling in/New Beginnings**
- ASD Provision 1 – to be planned with the children**
- ASD Provision 2 – to be planned with the children**

- P1 – Wild About Nature**
- P1/2 – Marvellous Me**
- P2- Wonder Weather**
- P3 – Scottish Wildlife**
- P3/4 – Farm to Fork**
- P4/5 – Communication**
- P5- TBC**
- P6 – Emergency SOS**
- P7R – Divided City**
- P7W– Divided City**

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

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>

Dates for Your Diary: August to October 2019

We have included in this newsletter a diary of holiday dates for the remainder of this session as well as a calendar of events for August to October for your reference. Occasionally, events are organised at short notice. We will endeavour to provide as much information as we can prior to these events taking place.

Term Dates August to October 2019

Autumn term	Friday 11 th October 2019	Last Day of Term
October Holiday	Monday 14 th October 2019 Friday 18 th October 2019 Monday 21 st October 2019	Start of holiday End of holiday Staff and children return to school

Additional Callander Primary Dates for Term 1

September 2019	4 th 11 th 17 th 19 th 26 th 26 th	P7 House Captain Elections Meet the Teacher event at 6.00pm Parent Council Meeting 7pm Bikeability for P7 W Bikeability for P7R Rookie Rockstars performance for parents at McLaren High at 6.30pm
October 2019	4 ^h 9 th 12 th	Whole School Flu Immunisation day Whole School Harvest assembly October holidays begin

There will, as always, be other dates however you will be notified of these via the Callander App, letter, text and email.

School App



Our School App has been updated over the Summer Holidays. A separate letter has been sent home with instructions on how to ensure you have the correct version of the app and how to set up your phone to receive notifications and messages from school.



Rookie Rockstars

This term we are fortunate to be working in partnership with a charity called Rookie Rockstars who focus on children's mental health and wellbeing. Rookie Rockstars will be visiting our school for a full week beginning on the 16th September which then concludes with the children putting together a concert for parents on **Thursday 26th September at 6.30pm at McLaren High School**. More information regarding tickets will be sent home over the next few weeks.

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.

Following consultation with parents, staff and children, our School Improvement Priorities for this session are as follows:

- Developing parent and staff workshops for reading and numeracy.
- Develop a whole school approach to handwriting.
- Develop whole school approaches to teaching numeracy and mental agility.
- Developing approaches for children to identify their next steps in learning
- To introduce Spanish at P5-P7
- To develop a whole school Positive Relationships strategy
- To develop a new approach to Golden Time
- To further develop robotics and coding across the school
- To further develop creativity and problem solving skills across the school.

The full School Improvement Plan can be found on the school website.

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.

So far we have used the Pupil Equity fund to employ a learning support assistant who will specifically focus on supporting groups of children with targeted aspects of their learning. We have also provided team building opportunities for P5-7 as well as numeracy resources.



A CHANGE TO GOLDEN TIME!

Following a consultation with our Parent Reps Group, staff and children we feel that it is time to change our approach to Golden time. Over the last few days the children have created some ideas for activities that they would like to do on a Friday afternoon. These ideas will be created into clubs and the children will choose a club to be part of for a three week block. At the beginning of each block the children will sign up to a club and will take part in that activity alongside children from other classes (P1-3 will work together and P4-7 children will work together). The children have asked that the fourth week would be a week where they can socialise with their class friends.

If any parents or carers are free to help on a Friday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm we would love to hear from you.

Meet the Teacher

Our annual Meet the Teacher event takes place on Wednesday 11th September at 6.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to hear about our school's priorities for session 2019/2020 and also meet your child's teacher, explore their classroom and find out a little bit more about the learning activities taking place in school. We look forward to seeing you there.



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 parents not to use the school car park.

It is not safe to drop your child off or pick up in the car park due to the number of cars and taxis accessing this facility.

Can we also remind parents that the car park at CYP **should not** be used to drop off and collect your children. 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.

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/>