



# Callander Courier



October 2019 - Newsletter No. 11

*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 a core learning contexts. These contexts will be followed by our Developing the Young Workforce and Christmas focus weeks.

Our assemblies this term are building on last terms work on Children's Rights and our school values.

The learning contexts for this term are as follows:

- Nursery – Autumn/Minibeasts**
- ASD Provision 1 – Autumn/Halloween**
- ASD Provision 2 – Antarctic**
- P1 - Fairytales**
- P1/2 – Dinosaurs**
- P2- Dinosaurs**
- P3 – Vikings**
- P3/4 – R.S.S. Discovery**
- P4/5 – Titanic**
- P5- Australia**
- P6 – WW1**
- P7R – WW1**
- P7W– WW1**

## 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: October to December 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 October to December 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 October to December 2019

<b>Autumn term</b>	Monday 2 <sup>1st</sup> October	Children and staff return
	Thursday and Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Staff Development days – school closed to children
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term-school closes 1pm Nursery closes 6pm
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of holiday for school Nursery opens
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Staff and children return to school

### Additional Callander Primary Dates for Term 2

October 2019	25 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween disco: 6-7pm (P1-3), 7.30-8.30pm (P4-7)
November 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and family photographs P7R and P7W class assembly Parent Consultations Parent Council Staff Development days
December 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>  13 <sup>th</sup>  16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>  19 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Christmas Party 1pm P3 / 4 Class Assembly P1 Nativity Performance for parents/carers Primary 4 Christmas party 1pm / Primary 7 Christmas Disco 6.30pm  Primary 5 Christmas party 1pm  Primary 6 Christmas party 1pm Primary 2 Christmas party 1pm Primary 1 Christmas party 1pm  End of term Church service 1.30pm

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

#### Family Learning Workshops

This session we will be continuing to host learning workshops where you will be able to work alongside your child within their classroom. The workshops will have a focus on literacy and numeracy.

The workshops will provide an opportunity for you to explore the different strategies and approaches used in school to teach and support the development of literacy and numeracy enabling you to further help your child at home.

Each class will plan their own workshops and you will receive an invitation to attend the workshop detailing dates and times. If you are unable to attend another family member is welcome to come along too.



#### School Building Refurbishment

As part of ongoing works to improve our current school building, we are having our current children's toilets refurbished and a new set of toilets being constructed in the front area of the school. Building and refurbishment will begin week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October and last for approximately 5 weeks. A building compound will be present in the carpark for the duration of the works. We ask parents to only access the carpark if they have explicit permission to do so as there will be limited parking and space. Your support with this will be greatly appreciated. We would like to thank our Parent Council for the continued support regarding our school building works.



# 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.

## Parent Consultations

The first of our two annual parent consultation events take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (6pm-8.30pm) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (3.30pm-6pm). Please return your requests for an appointment to school as soon as possible.

### **Class Reps**

The following parents have volunteered to be this session's class reps. They are available to ask any questions regarding your child's class or for a quick catch up in the playground.

**P1 – Louise Corrieri**

**P1/2 – Jonathan Morley/Stephanie Morley**

**P2 – Claire Nellis / Jennie Brown/ Jennie Marr**

**P3 – Charlene Tait / Nicola Kennedy**

**P3/4 – Katy McGeachy / Joanna Page**

**P4/5 - TBC**

**P5 – Graham Hypher/ Jonathan Morley/Stephanie Morley**

**P6 – Louise Corrieri**

**P7R - TBC**

**P7W – Kirsty Crichton**

Our reps also meet once a term to discuss school related issues. **We are looking for a rep for P7R and P4/5, if you are interested please contact Mrs Starkey.**

## **Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Education (RSHP)– new guidance for schools and parents**

New guidance on the teaching of RSHP have been published by Education Scotland and the NHS.

Come along at Parents Evening to find out more information.



### **School Website**

Our school website contains information on key school information and policies as well as detailed copies of our Standard and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan.

You can access the website via the following link:

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

### **School Twitter Feed**

To keep up to date with events taking place across our school please follow us on Twitter using the following:



@CallanderP



### **School You Tube Channel**

For support with homework and to find out more about our understanding of Growth Mindset please head to our school You Tube channel on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6KodPSIRWPP8U\\_dKkUM5Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL6KodPSIRWPP8U_dKkUM5Q)

# 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](mailto: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/>