



Callander Courier



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Dream, Believe, Achieve

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
Happy New Year!

Here is our termly newsletter which will provide information on learning and forthcoming events for the term ahead.

Learning Contexts for January:

For the month of January all classes will be undertaking a Scottish context for learning.

The contexts are:

Nursery - Celebrating Scotland

AP1 – Scottish Stories

AP2- Scottish Inventors

P1 – Scottish Wildlife

P1/2 – Scottish Myths and Legends

P2 – A Taste of Scotland

P3 – Callander

P3/4 – Scottish Inventors

P4/5 – Castles, Keeps and Catapults

P5- Scottish Legends/Scottish Artists

P6- Famous Scots

P7R – Oor Wullie and The Broons

P7W – Oor Wullie and The Broons

As well as undertaking learning within these contexts, all children will participate in a special Burns Assembly on Friday 24th January. Images will be published on Twitter of this event.

Learning Contexts for February and March

Following our Scottish Context the classes will then focus on the following:

Nursery – TBC

AP1 – Toys /Spring/Cause and Effect

AP2 - Australia

P1 – TBC

P1/2 – TBC

P2- The Romans

P3 – The Vikings

P3/4- Australia

P4/5 – Mythical Creatures

P5- Titanic

P6- –CSI Callander

P7R – Mad Scientists

P7W– Mad Scientists

In addition to these learning contexts the children will also be participating in a STEM/Digital Learning focus week towards the end of term.

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>

Dates for Your Diary: January to March 2020

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 January to March 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.

Staffing News

We would like to welcome Mrs Audrey Pritchard as Class Teacher within our Autism Provision whilst Mrs Riggins is on maternity leave. We would also like to welcome Mrs Natalie Bush and Mrs Charlotte Wood as Support for Learning Assistants to our team here at Callander.

Term Dates January – April 2020

Spring Term	17 th February 2020	Staff Development Day
	18 th February 2020	Staff Development Day
	19 th February 2020	Local Holiday
	20 th February 2020	Local Holiday
	21 st February 2020	Local Holiday
	3 rd April 2020	Last Day of Term
Spring Holiday	Monday 6 th April 2020	Holiday Starts

Additional Callander Primary Dates for Term 3 2020

January 2020	8 th 14 th and 16 th 15 th 21 st 22 nd 28 th 31 st	Pantomime performance in school – “Mother McGoose” P1 Enrolment P4/5 Assembly for parents and carers at 2pm Parent Council Meeting 7pm Primary 4 Burns Supper 1.15pm Primary 6 and Primary 7 Online Safety information evening for parents 11.15am Primary 2, 3 and 7 Family Learning Workshops
February 2020	5 th 17 th 18 th 25 th 28 th	9.30am Primary 4/5 Family Learning Workshop 1.00pm Primary 3/4 Family Learning Workshop Staff Development Day Staff Development Day 11.15am Primary 5 Family Learning Workshop Parent Council Meeting 7pm Brownies and Guides to wear uniforms for Thinking Day to school today
March 2020	3 rd 4 th 12 th 17 th 18 th 19 th 27 th	6.30pm P7 Parents and Children’s information evening regarding Dalguise at McLaren High (Assembly Hall) 11.15am P6 Family Learning Workshop 1.00pm Primary 3 / 4 Family Learning Workshop Glee Club Sectionals at Albert Halls, Stirling Parent Council Meeting 7pm Parent Consultations Parent Consultations Parent Reps Meeting
April 2020	1 st -3 rd	Primary 7 Residential Trip to Dalguise

The Pantomime is coming to Callander Primary!

On Wednesday 8th January we are being entertained once again by Hopscotch Theatre with a production of “Mother McGoose.” A contribution of £2 per child would be gratefully appreciated. This can be paid by cash or an option has been set up on Parent Pay.

Dalguise Information Event for P7 Parents and Children – March 3rd 2020, 6.30pm at McLaren High School

An information evening for the Primary 7 Dalguise visit has been organised for Tuesday March 3rd 2020 at 6.30pm. The meeting takes place at McLaren High School. The meeting is for parents and children and will include a description of the experience as well as an opportunity to ask any questions.

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.

Family Learning Workshops

Following very positive feedback from parents, carers, children and staff we have continued our Family Learning Workshops. Workshops are being held for each class and are a great opportunity for parents and children to work together on different aspects of literacy and numeracy. Parents have told us that the workshops have also helped with supporting learning at home. Dates for some classes' workshops are listed above. Other dates will be noted on the school app.



Parent Consultations

Our second Parent Consultation event takes place on Wednesday 18th March 6pm-8.30pm and Thursday 19th March 3.30pm -6pm. Request for appointments will be sent out over the next few weeks. Children will also be bringing home their Snapshot Jotters this term so you can discuss your child's learning with them at home too.

Parent Reps Meeting

Our first Parent Reps meeting took place last term and focused on our School Improvement Plan. Each Parent Rep worked closely with a small group of children as they discussed the progress being made with improvements for this session so far. Each group of children confidently discussed the learning taking place in their classrooms and suggested next steps too. The feedback is going to be displayed in the school for everyone to see as we progress through the rest of the year.

Coffee and Catch Up Meeting

This term we are introducing an informal opportunity for parents to catch up and discuss different activities, events, supports and parenting strategies that they have found to be effective. If you would like more information about this please contact Mrs Harvey.

STEM / DIGITAL FOCUS WEEK March 23-27th 2020 – hold the date!

Later this term we are holding a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths focus week. If you are involved in any of these areas through work or a hobby and are able to come and talk to a class we would love to hear from you. Alternatively if you have any links to companies or businesses with STEM backgrounds that could support us we would be very grateful.

During this week we will also be organising STEM challenges for parents and children to undertake together in class. More information on this will be sent out nearer the time.

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.

Playtime Snack – You can provide your child with a small, nut-free, snack to have at playtime if you wish to do so. The school office, however, does not have the facility to provide snack if your child does not have one. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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

Primary 1 Enrolment

Enrolment for Primary 1 at Callander Primary School August 2020 takes place on the following dates:

Tuesday 14th January at 11am and 2pm
Thursday 16th January at 11am and 2pm

Enrolment forms can be completed on line via the Stirling Council website or paper copies can be collected from Callander Nursery or primary. All required paperwork should be taken to Callander Nursery on the above dates.