



# Callander Courier



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*Dream, Believe, Achieve*

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,  
Here is our newsletter which will provide information regarding our next term in school.

## **Thank you for your support!!**

With a busy term behind us and an exciting term ahead of us, it has been a great start to the new school year so far.

With your support the children have adopted all of the new Covid health and safety routines in school quickly and confidently which has helped to ensure the smooth running of school.

As previously our Parents Guide and Covid risk assessment are available on the school website if you wish to access them. The risk assessment continues to be updated as new advice and guidance is shared with schools.

## **Please remember:**

**If you, your child or someone else in your household displays Covid-19 symptoms please contact NHS inform:**

**<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>**

**and the school to advise.**

**Symptoms are:**

- **New, continuous cough**
- **Fever**
- **Loss of sense of taste and / or smell**

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 Primary Parent and Staff Link
- Callander Nursery Exclusively for current parents/guardians and staff

**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>

**Covid related:**

<http://www.nhs.inform.scot>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-health-checks-at-borders/pages/overview/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://www.cas.org.uk/>

### Term Dates October to December 2020

<b>Autumn term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Children and staff return
	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term-school closes 1pm Nursery closes 6pm
<b>Spring term</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery opens
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Staff and children return to primary school

### Additional Callander Primary Dates for Term 2

November 2020	11th w/b 16th	Tempest Individual photographs Parent Consultations
December 2020	10th	P5 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	11th	P3 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	14th	P5/6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	P3/4 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	16 <sup>th</sup>	AP1 Christmas Party 9.30am P4 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	AP2 Christmas Party 9.30am P7 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	P2 Christmas Party 9.30am P1 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	P1/2 Christmas Party 1.30pm
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	School closes at 1pm

### Tempest Photographs

We have arranged for Tempest photographers to come in to school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This year we will only be able to have photographs of children taken individually. Unfortunately we will not be able to arrange for family photos, we apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.



# Learning Contexts for Autumn Term:

We are starting this term with all classes focusing on working towards the Natural Health Award. This award is completed in collaboration with the NHS and focuses on using the outdoor environment to support mental and physical wellbeing. This will then be followed by core learning contexts..

Our assemblies this term are building on last term's work on Children's Rights, our school values as well as focusing on emotional health and wellbeing.

The learning contexts for this term are as follows:

**Nursery – Autumn/Halloween, Winter/Christmas / Child interests' contexts**

**ASD Provision 1 – Autumn/Halloween/Winter/Christmas**

**ASD Provision 2 – Natural Disasters**

**P1 – Wild About Nature**

**P1/2 – Helpful Heroes**

**P2- The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark**

**P3 – Groovy Greeks**

**P3/4 – Groovy Greeks/ Exciting Egyptians**

**P4 – Exciting Egyptians**

**P5- Our Town**

**P5/6 – WWII**

**P6 – WWII**

**P7- WWII**

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



## 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 will be taking place following self - evaluation as well as changes required as part of the current Covid risk assessment that is in place.

## Parent Consultations

Due to the current guidance and risk assessments in place, our Parent Consultations for this term will need to be undertaken in a different way. This term these conversations will now take place via a 10-minute telephone call instead of a 10- minute face to face meeting. In the next week or so you will receive notification of when these telephone calls will take place from your child's class teacher.

## Snapshots of Learning

This session we will be continuing with our snapshots of learning. Previously these have been shared with you in a jotter that has come home twice a year and have been a successful way of your child sharing their learning with you.

This year we are going to trial a new way of sharing this learning by introducing our Snapshot profiles. These will be accessed online via Seesaw for P1 and 2 and Google Classroom for P3-7. More information will come home about these shortly and the first Snapshot profiles will be available for you to share with your child by mid - November.

# 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/>