



# Canberra Primary and Nursery Class Newsletter no.5

December 2023

Message from Mrs Heasman



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*Dear Parent/Carer*

*We are excitedly preparing for all things Christmas! Our Primary 3 children are practising daily for their nativity performance and they are becoming very excited about the prospect of performing on the stage. The nursery and other classes are getting their voices in tune to support them! We hope that everyone who wants tickets has secured them, however there are a few left for each performance which can be purchased using the Google form previously sent out.*

*The Christmas Coffee Morning takes place on Friday 8th and we have been overwhelmed by the support given to us for the tombola. The generosity of our families makes us feel very special. We hope that you are able to come along to enjoy some festive singing, the chance to catch up with friends and to browse the children's craft stalls.*

*Our House Captains have put together an afternoon of fun for every class over the next 2 weeks and we hope that this will be enjoyed by the children.*

*All that remains is for the staff at Canberra to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas!*

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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## Dates for your diary



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- 8.1.23 *Christmas Coffee Morning, 9.30am-12.00pm*
  - 12.12.23 *Christmas Lunch*
  - 12.12.23 *Nativity 1.15pm*
  - 13.12.23 *Nativity 10am*
  - 14.12.23 *Nativity 1.30pm*
  - 15.12.23 *Christmas Service 1.30pm - all welcome*
  - 18.12.23 *P6&7 party 1.15pm*
  - 20.12.23 *P4&5 party 1.15pm*
  - 21.12.23 *Nursery party 10am*
  - 21.12.23 *P1-3 party 1.15pm*
  - 22.12.23 *Xmas Factor am*
  - 22.12.23 *Close for holiday 2.30pm*

- 8.1.24 School & nursery re-opens 9am
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## Primary 1 Enrolment



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***If your child is due to start school in August 2024, you can enrol online from Monday 8 January 2024. The school office will contact you between Monday 15 to Friday 19 January 2024 to confirm your enrolment.***

*To register your child for school you should complete our online registration form. You must identify the catchment school for your permanent home address by using the [school catchment checker](#). This will give you information on both primary and secondary schools. The link to the online form will be given when you select your catchment school. It is only the parent the child ordinarily stays with who is authorised to register them. This includes the guardian or any person who is liable to maintain or has parental responsibilities. For more information see the [Children \(Scotland\) Act 1995](#). If you have any difficulty in identifying your catchment school please email SLC - [edsuppserv.help@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:edsuppserv.help@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)*

***Submit your documents online***

The online registration form will ask you to provide each child's full birth certificate and two pieces of recent official documentation both containing your permanent home address for example a utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card, child benefit documentation. Proof of where the child lives may also be needed. Please note that a registration is required for each child (e.g. twins require a registration each).

**Documents should be no more than 5MB each and preferably in .jpg or .pdf format.**

If your child attends the nursery of your catchment school don't assume that they will be automatically transferred. You must register them as normal.

### **Placing requests**

If you intend to enrol your child at a different school, please read the page on [placing requests](#) for further information.

### **Early entry**

If your child's birthday is after 1 March, you can still apply to have them admitted early, please read the page on [early entry to school](#).

### **Deferred entry**

If you wish your child to have an additional year at nursery, please read the page on [deferred entry to school](#).

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## Parent Council

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The Parent Council will support the school at the Christmas Coffee Morning on 8th December. They are running their highly popular toy stall and cake stall. They also intend holding a raffle with prizes including a meal for 2. All funds raised will be used to support the school.

If you are able to help with items for the cake stall, please hand them in at 3pm on Thursday 7th or on the morning of the event, by 9.30am. They are grateful for any donations.

If you are interested in being part of the Parent Council please contact the school office and your details will be passed to our Chair, Eilidh McGilvray, who will contact you directly.

Remaining Parent Council meeting dates for 2023-24 are as follows:

15.1.24      Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

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| 26.2.24 | Meeting 6.30-8.00pm |
| 29.4.24 | Meeting 6.30-8.00pm |
| 20.5.24 | Meeting 6.30-8.00pm |
| 8.6.24  | Summer Fair         |
| 10.6.24 | Meeting 6.30-8.00pm |

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## Council Budget Cuts



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*As you will be aware South Lanarkshire, along with all other Councils in Scotland are facing extensive budget cuts. Education alone must save £4.2M in each of the 3 years 2024-2027. This will inevitably lead to a reduction of Council services.*

*A consultation on which services should be saved can be found on the South Lanarkshire Council website or by following the link below.*

***The link to the survey aspect of the consultation can be accessed through the usual webpage [South Lanarkshire budget consultation - South Lanarkshire Council](#).***

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## ParentsPortal



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*Almost all families (P1-7) have now registered for ParentsPortal. It is essential that all families are able to access this App as notices, invitations and information will be sent out to parents/carers through this medium. This includes Parent/Carer consultations and invitations to Class Showcase events, as well as updates about Canberra life. Please contact Mrs Palfreman in the office if you are having difficulty getting set up.*

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