



# Canberra Primary and Nursery Class Newsletter no.1

August 2024

Message from Mrs Heasman



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*Dear Parent/Carer*

*Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year 2024-25! We are all delighted to be back in school and working with our families to support our children to learn and develop a wide range of skills, attitudes and attributes this year.*

*Our first newsletter will provide information to help you familiarise yourself with our staff and to help you plan for the year ahead. Newsletters will be issued through ParentsPortal monthly, from October and by email and ParentsPortal in August & September. Nursery will also issue their own specific newsletter monthly via Learning Journals and teachers will send home a newsletter each term.*

*We hope that you find these newsletters useful and informative!*

*Here's to a fantastic 2024-25!*

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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## Dates for your diary - Annual Calendar



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*Our planned dates for the year are noted below. There may be one or two additional dates added as the year progresses and a need is identified. We will notify you of any further dates as they arise. Please note that although we intend the dates below to go ahead they may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

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- 32.9.24 Parent Council meeting & AGM
- 10.9.24 Primary 1 phot - Glasgow Times
- 12.9.24 Nursery Stay & Play (returning children) 3-4pm
  - 12.9.24 Meet the Teacher 6.30-7.30pm
- 27-30.9.14 September weekend: return 9am 1.10.24
  - 1-31.10.23 Black History Month
  - 7.10.24 Progress Week
- 14-18.10.24 October half term holiday: return 21.10.24 9am
  - 23.10.23 Progress Week

- 23.10.23 *School photos*
- 30.10.24 *P1-7 Hallowe'en discos (6-7/7.15/8.15pm)*
  - 31.10.24 *Nursery Hallowe'en party am*
- 6.11.24 *Parent/Child consultations 3.15-8.30pm*
  - 11.11.24 *In-Service day*
  - 12.11.24 *Anti-bullying Week*
    - 15.11.24 *STEM Day*
  - 18.11.24 *Book Week Scotland*
- 20.11.24 *P-17 Parent Workshops 6.30-8.00pm*
- 25.11.24 *Nursery, P1 & P2 Stay & Play week*
  - 29.11.24 *Christmas Coffee Morning*
    - 10.12.24 *Nativity 1.15pm*
    - 11.12.24 *Nativity 9.30am*
    - 12.12.24 *Nativity 1.15pm*
- 16.12.24 *Primary 6&7 Christmas party p*
- 17.12.24 *Primary 4&5 Christmas party pm*
  - 18.12.24 *P2&3 Christmas party pm*
- 18.12.24 *Nursery/P1 Christmas party am*
- 19.12.24 *Xmas factor talent show am*
  - 20.12.24 *Church Service 10am*
- 20.12.24 *Close for holidays 2.30pm*
  - 6.1.25 *Re-open 9am*

- 15.1.24 Primary 1 Enrolment week
  - 23.1.25 Burns Show 6pm
  - 27.1.25 Progress Week
- 3.2.25 Children's Mental Health Week
- 17-19.2.25 February holiday & In Service: return 20.2.25, 9am
- 27.2.25 Parent/Child consultations 3.15-8.30pm
- 6.3.25 World Book Day
- 7.3.25 STEM Day
- 17.3.25 Nursery, P1 & P2 Stay & Play week
- 18.3.25 P6 swimming begins pm (12 weeks)
- 19-21.3.25 Primary 7 residential trip to Millport
- 26.3.25 Dance festival pm (Calderglen HS)
- 4.4.25 Church Easter Service
- 7-22.4.25 Spring Break: return 22.4.25, 9am
- 1.5.25 In Service: return 2.5.25 9am
- 5.5.25 May Day holiday: return 6.5.25, 9am
- 12.5.25 Progress Week
- 19.5.25 Health Week
- 22.5.24 Sports Day
- 23-26.5.25 May Holiday Weekend: return 27.5.25 9am
- 30.5.25 STEM Day
- 18.6.25 Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

- 19.6.25          *Nursery Celebration 10am*
- 19.6.25          *Primary 7 Leavers' Party 6-8.30pm*
- 20.6.25          *Nursery party am*
- 20-24.6.25      *P1-6 moving on visits pm*
- 25.6.25          *School closes for summer 1pm*

*Primary 7 Duncanrig Induction days and New P1 Canberra Induction days to be confirmed*

## Canberra Staff 2024-25



### *Senior Management Team*

*Mrs Heasman          Head Teacher*

*Mrs Gourlay          Principal Teacher*

### *Support Staff*

*Mrs Fourrie          Team Leader*

*Mrs Palfreman      Office*

*Miss Cairns          Classroom support*

*Mrs Cuthbert          Classroom support*

*Mrs Ewart              Classroom support/Breakfast Club Supervisor*

*Mrs Mogford          Classroom support*

### ***Nursery Staff***

*Mrs McNulty          Team Leader/Extended Management Team*

*Mrs Bradley          Early Years Worker: Red Group key worker*

*Mrs McPhee          Early Years Worker: Red Group key worker*

*Ms Cicala              Early Years Worker: Green Group key worker*

*Mrs McIntosh        Early Years Worker (temp.): Yellow Group key worker*

*Mrs Kaczan           Early Years Worker: Pink Group key worker*

*Miss Wakeham       Early Years Worker: Blue Group key worker*

### ***Teaching Staff***

*Miss Bhopal          Primary 1*

*Miss McMillan       Primary 2/1*

*Mrs Dickie            Primary 3 (Mon-Weds)*

*Mrs Burns             Primary 3(Weds-Friday)/CCC*

*Miss Scott            Primary 4 (Mon-Tues am, Thurs-Friday)*

*Mrs Perrie            Primary 4 (Tues pm-Weds)/Support*

*Mr Hamilton          Primary 5/Extended Management Team*

*Mr Taylor             Primary 6*

*Miss Bryce Primary 7*

*Mrs McConville Visiting Specialist Support Teacher*

*Miss Thorne Visiting Educational Psychologist*

### **Facilities Staff**

*Mr Nicholls/Mr Penman Janitor (Weds-Tues rolling week)*

*Mrs Collins Cleaning Supervisor*

*Mrs Lawrence Cleaner*

*Mrs Jamieson Cleaner*

*Mrs MacDonald Cook in Charge (Tues-Fri)*

*Mrs Brady Cook*

*Miss Bell Cook (Monday)*

*Miss McIntosh Cook*

*Miss Wilson Cook*

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Keeping up to date

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### **ParentsPortal (P1-7 only)**

*ParentsPortal is a website and App which will be our main form of communication with P1-7 parents/carers from August 2024. ParentsPortal is used to view and update important documents such as the Annual data check, EV5's used for trip permissions, your child's address and photo permissions. The school will also communicate regarding events and important information that we would previously have sent by email. Most parents/carers are already signed up however for those who aren't please sign up for ParentsPortal as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up to date emergency and medical information for your child. If you have any difficulties setting up please contact the school office.*



### **Twitter/School website**

*Our school website will be updated on a Friday. You can access the school website at*

*All classes Tweet weekly giving a snapshot into the learning and experiences children are engaging in. You can also access general information about the school by following the school Twitter account. Our Twitter handles are noted below*

*@CanberraPrimary*

*@CanberraNursery*

*@CanberraRoom1 (P1)*

*@CanberraRoom2 (P2/1)*

*@CanberraRoom4 (P3)*

*@CanberraRoom5 (P4)*

*@CanberraRoom6 (P5)*

*@CanberraRoom8 (P6)*

*@CanberraRoom9 (P7)*

### **Google Classroom (P1-7)**

*Primary 1-7 will use Google Classroom to set homework weekly*

### **Learning Journals (Nursery)**

*Nursery update Learning Journals weekly with photos and achievements of their children. Learning Journals is personal to each child and will be updated weekly with your child's photos of their experiences. We will also communicate important information including our monthly Sway through Learning Journals.*

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## Online Safety



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*Online Safety is a hot topic and is an area I would encourage parents to learn more about. Many of our children have phones and as a result they have access to the internet. This is one of the biggest dangers facing our children. The age limit for social media is age 13 and over. If your child is accessing What'sApp, Snapchat, Tik Tok etc. they are very easily exposed to dangerous situations.*

*Children generally find managing friendships challenging and when they are interacting online with no adult supervision, this can lead to difficulties. If your child has a phone,*

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- *ensure the security settings are at the highest level*
- *regularly check the content of their phone*

- *talk with your child about safe and unsafe behaviours*
  - *report any activity*
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*Inappropriate interactions on a phone is a police matter and not a school matter. There are some excellent materials to support you in keeping your child safe. More information can be found at*

*<https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/online-safety>*

*A copy of our Social Media policy can be found on our website.*

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## School Improvement Plan 2024-25



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### ***Our School Improvement Priorities***

#### ***Priority 1***

*Develop high quality learning in science which takes account of sustainability and embeds literacy, numeracy and HWB across the curriculum.*

*Implement Year 2 of Equality Ambassadors plan*

**Priority 2**

*Improve attainment in numeracy through the embedding of HAM at nursery and Maths Recovery at P1-7*

*Improve attainment in reading by improving reading for pleasure and attaining Reading Schools accreditation.*

**Priority 3**

*Improve children's development and learning physically, emotionally and intellectually through the implementation of our HWB Framework, further embedding the Rights of the Child throughout the school, Eco Schools accreditation and attaining Attachment Informed, Trauma Sensitive Practice accreditation.*

**Priority 4**

*Further develop and embed play-based/enquiry-based learning approaches at Early level and First level*

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