



Canberra Primary and Nursery Class Newsletter no.5

December 2024

Message from Mrs Heasman



Dear Parent/Carer

The festive season has begun! We are well underway with everything Christmas and are loving singing, crafting, acting and enjoying surprises from our school Advent Calendar! We

hope that you made it along to our Christmas Coffee morning on 29th November and are able to attend one of our Nativity performances week beginning 9th December.

We are so grateful to everyone who was able to donate something for our tombola stall. We were overwhelmed by your generosity which helped us raise funds for our Christmas parties! All classes did very well selling their Christmas crafts at the Coffee Morning and they are looking forward to spending their profits to buy something for their class.

The weather has been so unpredictable in November and we anticipate the same in December. Please send your child to school in layers, with a waterproof jacket, hat and gloves to keep them warm in the cold weather and dry in the wet weather.

*We have had lots of lost property since returning in August and regularly take unclaimed items to the Hunter Cafe, Calderwood Road, Calderwood, as they have a **free** clothes exchange. Most of the clothing they give out is school uniform, however other children's and adult's clothing can also be picked up. All are welcome to take these recycled items.*

We all hope that you have a lovely Christmas break and enjoy a lovely family time!

Best wishes

Angela Heasman

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Dates for your diary



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- 2.12.24 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)*
 - 3.12.24 *Nursery parent focus group 2.30pm*
 - 10.12.24 *Nativity performance 1.00pm doors open*
 - 11.12.24 *Nativity performance 9.15am doors open*
 - 12.12.24 *Nativity performance 1.00pm doors open*
 - 16.12.24 *Primary 6 & 7 Christmas party pm*
 - 17.12.24 *Primary 4 & 5 Christmas party pm*
 - 18.12.24 *Primary 2 & 3 Christmas party am*
 - 18.12.24 *Nursery & Primary 1 Christmas party pm*
 - 19.12.24 *Xmas Factor*
 - 20.12.24 *Christmas Church Service (all welcome) 10am*

- 20.12.24 *Close for Christmas 2.30pm (re-open 6.1.25, 9am)*
 - 13.1.25 *Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)*
 - 23.1.25 *Burns Show 6pm*
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August 2025 Primary 1 enrolment



Children who are aged 5 between 1st March 2025 and the end of February 2026 are required to be registered for starting school in August 2025, by completing an online registration form which will be available from Monday 6th January. The form can be accessed by pasting the link below into a search engine, or by visiting South Lanarkshire Council's website. All

children should be enrolled with their catchment school in the first instance, even if the child is to be deferred or a placing request is sought.

southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school

A catchment checker and information on how to request a deferral or placing request, along with associated forms can be found by following the link or visiting the website.

The catchment school will contact families week beginning 13th January to check the details of the enrolment and the documents provided to support the enrolment.

Please note that the documents accepted are:

Full birth certificate (this can be purchased from the registry office if parents/carers don't have the original)

2 official proofs of residence (preferably no older than 6 months) e.g. bank statement which show the address being in the school catchment area (this must be in the name of the person enrolling the child).

Enrolment will only be completed once these documents have been checked.

Free Audiobooks



Did you know that you can access free audiobooks for your children on the following sites? All you need is access to a phone or other device and your child can listen and enjoy a wide selection of books for free!

(Please note that the school has not listened to or vetted the books - this would be the responsibility of families).

Harper Collins: Story Castle

www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/listen-for-free/

Story Nory

www.stornory.com

Gutenberg - free books for adults and children. Select search and browse from drop down menu and then 'bookshelves' and select 'children's bookshelf' or any other that suits.

Staying Safe Online



The Christmas period will see lots of children receiving devices and online games as gifts and spending more time than usual online. Keeping them safe can be a worry as it is so easy for children to find themselves looking at inappropriate content. Mrs Perrie has created an easy to follow presentation which supports parents/carers in setting up Parental Controls, Guided Access and upskilling adults about Cyberbullying.

We hope that you will find this a useful reference which will help you protect your children while they have fun online.

Our Social Media Policy is published on our website and our Social Media Sway can be found below.

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Parent Council

The Parent Council supports the school by helping with decision making and raising funds.

They meet regularly and are an important part of school life. All parents/carers from Nursery-P7 are eligible to join the Parent Council. If you would like to find out more about the Parent Council and the work that it does please come along to a meeting, in the school, on the first Monday of the month, attending won't commit you to joining, but will hopefully provide you with the information that you need to make a decision about whether participating is for you!

Remaining Parent Council meeting dates for 2024-25 are as follows:

2.12.24 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

13.1.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

3.2.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

3.3.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

6.5.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

tbc Summer Fair

2.6.25 Meeting 6.30-8.00pm

Parent Council news update

The Parent Council supported our school Christmas Coffee Morning by running the cake/candy and pocket money toy stalls. They also helped by serving tea and coffee to our visitors.

They raised £ which will go into their funds.

Thank you to everyone who supported their stalls.
