



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The new session is underway and we are very pleased that everyone including our Primary 1 pupils are enjoying their new class and have settled in well.

Primary 4 have already enjoyed a school trip to Vikingar! and Primaries 2 & 3 are participating in sporting events at Duncanrig as part of their Sports Leaders programme. This is just a taster of the fun to come as the year progresses!

Our school Improvement Plan and Standards & Qualities report are now available on the school website and a summarised version will be sent to all parents and carers during September. We hope this will give you a deeper insight into our achievements and future development. We look forward to working with you this year to support your child's learning

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

4.9.18	P6 Lockerbie meeting 6.15pm
4.9.18	P7 Lockerbie meeting 7.15pm
5.9.18	Parent Council AGM 6.30pm (all welcome)
12.9.18	School photographs
20.9.17	Football tournament (football club)
17-20.9.18	P7 Lockerbie Manor trip
21-24.9.18	September weekend (return to school 25.9.18, 9am)
1.10.18	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)
3.10.18	EK News Primary 1 photograph
11.10.18	Parent Consultation meetings
15-19.10.18	October holiday (return 9am 22.10.18)

Unexplained absence

Our early alert system helps us to keep our children safe. South Lanarkshire Council has issued guidelines should there be unexplained absence.

What parents and carers can do to help us:

- inform us of absences by telephone within the first hour of the morning or half hour in the afternoon
- keep us informed of any changes of address, landline and mobile numbers, including work numbers
- remind your child that if they are late they must report to the office before going to class

At Canberra:

- we endeavour to have someone in the office from 8.30am to take messages
- teaching staff will notify the office if a child is not in class by 9.20am or 1.15pm
- school support staff will telephone the parents/carer of a child where no notification of absence has been received
- school support staff will telephone the emergency contact if parents cannot be spoken to

If we are unable to make contact with either of the above we will:

- send out a letter
- seek advice from other agencies, where appropriate

A letter explaining absence **must** be sent to the school on your child's return. Thank you.

NUT FREE POLICY

For the safety of children and adults in school who have a nut allergy, Canberra Primary is a nut free zone. This includes foodstuffs, which contain nuts, such as Nutella spread and chocolate bars such as Snickers.

Please help us by checking the content of the snacks and packed lunches that your child brings to school.

THANK YOU

Dogs

Canberra is a dog free zone. Please don't bring dogs onto school grounds.

Lost property

We already have items of lost property. Please label all clothing including school ties!

Parental Engagement

Following our Google survey we will be having two Parent consultations this session and workshops targeted at each stage of the school. More information about the format of the consultations and workshops will be issued in September. A parent working group is meeting to discuss the feedback from our whole parent group survey last year and an action plan to further improve opportunities for parental engagement will be created and actioned. More information to follow!

Dates for your diary (we will endeavor to inform you as soon as possible if dates change)

Holiday and in-service dates can be found at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

17.9.17	P7 trip to Lockerbie Manor	18.2.19	P2 class assembly
11.10.18	Parent consultation evening	28.3.19	Spring Coffee Morning
29.10.18	P3 class assembly	18.4.19	Easter Service
1.11.18	Hallowe'en disco	2.5.19	Parents as Partners Conference
12.11.18	Anti-bullying week	13.5.19	P5 class assembly
19.11.18	Scottish Book week	21.5.19	P1 Parent Induction meeting
26.11.18	P6 class assembly	22/23.5.19	P7 Duncanrig visits
27.11.18	Craft Fair	22/23.5.19	P1 Induction visits
4.12.18	New entrant open day	31.5.19	Sports Day
7.12.18	Christmas Coffee Morning	3.6.19	P1 class assembly
14.12.18	P6&7 party	6.6.19	New entrant Meet your buddy
17.12.18	P4&5 party	7.6.19	Summer Fayre
18.12.18	Nativity performance pm	19.6.19	Beach Party disco
19.12.18	P1-3 party	25.6.19	P7 Leavers' assembly am
21.12.18	Christmas service am	25.6.19	P7 Leavers' party pm
28.1.19	P4 class assembly	28.6.19	School closes 1pm
7.2.19	Parent consultation evening		

School volunteers

We are in desperate need of school volunteers to help us with school trips and school events. If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or other family member/friend and can spare a little time to help us ensure that our children have the best experience possible, please contact the school office to get more information!

Together we are stronger!

Drinks in School

Please be aware that South Lanarkshire Council policy encourages children to re-hydrate during the school day. This should take the form of plain water. Flavoured water and soft drinks are not permitted. The school has two water fountains which children can use to refill water bottles **at break times**, to minimise disruption to learning.

CHAPLAINCY

Our Chaplaincy Team members are Rev. Kevin MacKenzie, Westwood Parish Church, Ms Irene Moore, Westwood Evangelical Church and myself.

Our focus this year is Growth Mindset and skills for learning, life and work. Rev. Mackenzie and Ms Moore will deliver 'Time for Reflection' within assemblies which complement the message being put across by the school and allow children to reflect on their own, and others, moral beliefs and actions. The number of assemblies which the chaplaincy team support will be greatly reduced due to Mr McKenzie taking on the Moderator role within the East Kilbride area, a very important and demanding job. Some dates have still to be finalised and this will be communicated to you once confirmed. We will also benefit from Christmas events, visits to Westwood Parish Church, focused lessons within P6 & 7 and our P6 children will be involved in supporting the elderly who attend the Westwood Parish Church lunch club. All in all a busy year.

As ever parents and carers can choose for their child not to participate in RME lessons and the religious aspect of school assemblies. If you do not wish your child to participate please contact the school and alternative provision will be made.

Date	Theme	Delivered by:
12.11.18	Remembrance	Jointly by Rev. MacKenzie & Ms Moore
21.12.18	Christmas Service	Rev. MacKenzie & Ms Moore
29.3.18	Easter service	Rev. MacKenzie

Dates of workshops/class visits and Lunch club will be communicated to appropriate classes.

Twitter and School Website

We regularly communicate via Twitter and the school website. The website is updated weekly with information about events and important school news. The weekly calendar is usually updated on a Friday afternoon to help parents plan for the following week. There is also an annual calendar which is updated twice annually. Please check our class pages where information is updated each term via the class newsletter. The parent area has information about the Parent Council, the events they run and a copy of recent minutes of meetings. Information about school lunches, uniform and useful websites for parents/carers can also be found. The school website address is www.canberra-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

We regularly tweet information via the school Twitter account **@CanberraPrimary** and individual class twitter feeds. This is a great way to engage in the learning taking place in individual classes and to catch up with whole school events. The class Twitter pages are as follows:

@CanberraRoom1, @CanberraRoom2, @CanberraRoom4, @CanberraRoom5, @CanberraRoom6, @CanberraRoom8, @CanberraRoom9. Mr Hamilton also tweets about PE lessons - find this information at **@CanberraRoom3.**

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