



# Canberra Primary

*Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,*

We can't believe that we are into the autumn already and that the October holiday is looming. Everyone is working so hard and enjoying their learning experiences.

A working group of parents recently met with Mrs Heasman to review parental engagement and to create an action plan. Their ideas can be found on page 4 of the newsletter. Perhaps when you read their ideas you will think of a way of improving how we engage with parents that has not already been considered. If this is the case please email the school office and Mrs Heasman will contact you to discuss your idea.

This session we are delighted to be showcasing our children's talents via class assemblies. They will take place on Monday afternoons at 1.45pm, with tea/coffee and the chance to chat with your child following the performance. A letter inviting parents to their child's assembly will be sent out prior to the event. A full list of class assemblies can be found in the annual calendar in the September newsletter and on the school website.

I hope that you and your family enjoy quality time together during the October break before the busy Christmas term ahead begins!

*Kind regards*

*Angela Heasman*

## Dates for your diary

1.10.18	Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm
11.10.18	Parent & Child consultation meetings pm
11.10.18	Netball tournament
12.10.18	House Spelling Bee
15-19.10.18	October school holiday, re-open 9am 22.10.18
26.10.18	Sportshall Athletics tournament
29.10.18	Primary 3 class assembly 1.45pm
1.11.18	Hallowe'en disco

## World War 1 Centenary

As a result of the centenary marking World War 1, Primary 7 have been studying the war this year and have been amazed at the different style of warfare and its impact on people in Scotland. They are taking part in a fantastic temporary memorial which will be displayed at Low Parks Museum in Hamilton, between the 5-12<sup>th</sup> November. The memorial will take the form of artwork produced by the children of South Lanarkshire and Primary 7 will work with the commissioned artist, Alison Smith, to produce their contribution.

The memorial will be visible from the exterior of the museum.

Primary 7 will also lead our Remembrance assembly on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and will be supported by Rev. McKenzie.

## Outdoor Clothing

The weather is getting colder and as you know we have been enjoying lots of wet weather! **Children will be playing and learning outside during all weathers.**

Please ensure that they have warm layers, hats, gloves, sturdy shoes/wellingtons and a waterproof jacket. Wellingtons can be stored in school. Please send them into school in a plastic bag!

**It is also very important to label all clothing. Our lost property box is already very full!**

**Thank you**

## RAG BAGS

As you may know we have a Rag bag bin which is based within the school grounds beside the bike store. Please bag up your old clothing when clearing out and deposit it in our bin.

Rag Bags accept clean, wearable clothing and the money raised goes towards school funds!

## Parent Council

The Parent Council welcomed a number of new members at the AGM in September and this has helped to bolster numbers. The next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October and as everyone is welcome to attend. Please come along and share your thoughts and ideas for making Canberra the best school in South Lanarkshire!

We are looking forward to our first Parent Council disco on the 1<sup>st</sup> November which has a spooky Hallowe'en theme. As usual the Parent Council will provide tea and coffee for parents wishing to remain in school while their child dances the night away. Tickets for the disco will go on sale from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## Headlice

Headlice is a common occurrence in primary school as children work and play in close proximity to each other. Headlice are uncomfortable and can cause embarrassment to children. Please check your child's hair regularly for headlice and nits (egg cases) and if they have an infestation treat them with a nit comb or pharmacy treatment.

More information about headlice and treating them can be found at:-

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Headlice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

At Canberra we value extra-curricular clubs which provide children with opportunities to try new things and to widen their achievement. Across the school year a number of clubs for all age groups will take place both at lunchtime and after school. Clubs are run by pupils, parents and members of staff.

As the year progresses Active Sports will also offer clubs through their volunteers and coaches. As these opportunities become available children in the appropriate classes will be informed.

**If you or a member of your family have a talent or interest and would like to run or support an extra-curricular club, please contact the school office.**

Club	Term	Day/Time	Stage	Leader
Referees	1-4	Every day 12.30pm	P5-7	Mrs Blockley
Homework	1-4	Monday 12.15pm	P1-7	Mrs Fidler (V)
Netball	1-4	Thursday 3-4pm	P6&7	Mrs Frame (V)
Athletics	1-3	Monday 3.00pm	P6&7	Louise Brown (V)
Lego	2	Thursday/Friday 12.30pm	P2	Mrs Heasman/P7
Lego	3	Thursday/Friday 12.30pm	P1	Mrs Heasman/P7
Football	2-4	Wednesday 12.30pm	P6&7	Mr Hamilton
Book Club	2	Monday 12.30pm	P6&7	Mrs Burns
French	1-2	Thursday 12.30pm	P5	Molly Fairley (S6)
Christmas Craft	2	Tuesday 12.30pm	P5	Mrs Dickie & Miss Harris
JAFFA	2-4	Thursday 12.30pm	P4-7	Irene Moore (V)
Chess	tbc	tbc	P6&7	Mrs Blockley
Drama	3	Monday 3-4pm	P5	Miss MacLachlan
Netball	4	Monday 3-4pm	P5&6	Miss MacLachlan
Cooking	2-3	Monday 3-4pm	P4	Mrs Fidler (V)
Multisports	2	Wednesday 3-4pm	P4/P3	Active Sports
Board Games	2	Thursday 12.30pm	P3	Mrs Graham
Spanish	2	Wednesday 12.30pm	P3	Mrs Miller
Technology	4	Monday 3-4pm	P2	Mrs McCulloch/ Mrs Burns
Zoom Zoom	2	Monday 10.30am	P1	Hannah (P7)
Zoom Zoom	3	Monday 10.30am	P2	Hannah (P7)
Singing	2		P4-7	Mrs Gourlay

## Parental Engagement Plan

- Evening workshops for each class
- Drop in workshops during the day – couple of times a year
- Issues from drop in workshops highlighted in newsletter
- Bookbug workshop
- Monthly drop in coffee afternoon (2.35-2.55pm)
- Help sheets – Easimaths, Twitter, Literacy Planet etc.
- Homework copied onto Twitter each week
- Twitter used consistently by all teachers to showcase learning
- School newsletter to include – Tip of the month, Termly updates on committees, Monthly vision, values & aims section, National news as required
- Parent/child clubs e.g. ICT, crafts, garden
- Parent Council newsletter and minutes emailed to all parents and uploaded to website
- Creche available when possible for events
- Class assemblies every 3 years
- Burns show every 3 years
- Whole school show every 3 years
- Leaflet for new parents with information about the school
- Family learning videos on website

If you have any other ideas to improve our parental engagement please don't hesitate to email us at [office@canberra-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@canberra-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk)

### Tip Corner

#### *Reading with your child*

Reading is the single most important skill that your child can learn. Reading with them at night is a great way to engage them in a love of reading and also to help them practice their skills. This is important whether your child is 5 or 15!

Reading chapter books with your child will help them understand more challenging texts and also help them read more challenging words.

When reading with your child follow the words together and when they get stuck read the word or phrase for them, then allow your child to continue until they are stuck again.

Alternatively read aloud a text that would be too tricky for your child as this helps them build vocabulary and to access more interesting books!

Happy Reading!

### School vision

#### *Nurturing*

The children were introduced to the idea that nurturing others allows us to care for them and to show them that they are important and valued. It is important that everyone in our school community demonstrates this quality to others. We can also nurture skills and qualities and can aspire to have these skills and qualities ourselves. As a school we promote *nurturing* as it helps us develop a kind, caring and supportive ethos where our children can flourish.

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