



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As you will see from the diary we have a very busy December ahead of us. Everyone is getting excited for Christmas and the events that are taking place this month. Our infant department is immersed in preparing for the Nativity performances and P4-7 are doing a great job of learning the accompanying songs! We look forward to sharing their hard work with those of you who are able to attend the performances.

All that remains is to wish you and your family a fabulous Christmas break!

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

5.12.18	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (all welcome)
7.12.18	Christmas Coffee Morning 9.30-12pm
7.12.18	P3 to Christmas Cracker 1pm
11.12.18	Singing club perform at Hairmyres Hospital
12.12.18	Christmas lunch (must be ordered in advance)
13.12.18	Wish Upon a Star fundraiser
13.12.18	Netball tournament pm
14.12.18	Nativity performance 10am (refreshments form 9.30am)
14.12.18	P6 & 7 party pm
17.12.18	P4 & 5 party pm
18.12.18	Nativity performance 1.30pm (refreshments form 1pm)
19.12.18	P1-3 party pm
20.12.18	Xmas Factor am
21.12.18	Church service 10am
21.12.18	Finish for Christmas break 2.30pm

Tip Corner

Handwriting (1)

Legible handwriting requires a good grip and well developed fine motor skills. You can help your child be handwriting ready by encouraging them to do activities which strengthen the fingers and their grip. Some ideas include:

- Picking up small items e.g. paperclips
- Using tweezers to pick up items
- Tapping each finger one at a time against the thumb of the same hand

A great website which has lots of ideas to develop fine motor skills is:

www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/fine-motor-activities.html

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent Council's first Christmas Craft Fair on Tuesday 27th November. Fourteen stallholders sold a range of gifts suitable for Christmas presents. This event raised £350 after costs.

The Parent Council will run their Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 7th December from 9.30-12pm. All donations of raffle prizes and home baking are welcome.

The next Parent Council meetings take place on 5th December, 10th January and 4th February.

Primary 1 Enrolment

New Entrant enrolment takes place week beginning 14th January. Please spread the word to friends and family with a child due to start school in August 2019. An appointment system will operate - please call the school office to make an appointment.

School vision

Committing & succeeding

The greatest measure of success is effort not ability and requires engagement, commitment, resilience and a growth mindset.

We therefore encourage the children of Canberra to engage and commit to their learning at all times. We reward engagement and commitment through our certificates which are presented at assembly each week. The language of success and commitment is used regularly throughout the school day by all members of staff.

Children are encouraged to recognise that the harder they work the greater the reward. To further enable their success we have invested in growth Mindset training for the whole school, including training for parents, which will take place in February 2019.

We also encourage our children to commit to their extra-curricular activities and to take on extra responsibilities within the school e.g. P6 lunch monitors. These activities help them to develop and practice skills which will enhance their lifelong learning.

All class teachers have been focusing this term on pupil engagement through teaching observations, as part of the school's improvement processes. The findings have resulted in changes to planning, organisation and motivational strategies being used in classes.

Primary 5 will be piloting the use of the Leuven Scale to help children to understand the power and importance of engagement in learning. They will present their findings in a child friendly way to the whole school and will take a lead role in supporting classes to adopt this measure.

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