



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We hope that 2019 is a happy and prosperous New Year for all of our families! We are looking forward to a busy and productive spring term. The children are happy and very settled in their classes and are engaging in new learning and confidently applying their skills across all areas of the curriculum.

We look forward to meeting the parents and carers of the children due to start school in August during infant enrolment week. At the other end of the school Primary 7 begin to visit Duncanrig on a more regular basis as they participate in a range of experiences designed to familiarise them with life at secondary school.

Our committees are working hard on improving our school, working through the plans they formulated at the beginning of the session. An update on their progress will be produced for parents during January and emailed by the end of the month. P1-3 will begin to experience committees this term, with each child participating in three meetings between now and the Spring break. This gives them a taster and helps them to decide which committee they would like to join in Primary 4.

We hope that January is a positive month for our families and look forward to reporting on your child's progress in February.

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

9.1.19	Dental Checks P1-7
10.1.19	P5 trip to Calderglen Country Park
10.1.19	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm - all welcome
11.1.19	Sportshall Athletics final (P6 & 7)
14-18.1.19	New entrant induction
25.1.19	P7 transition event at Ducanrig- volleyball
28.1.19	P4 class assembly 1.45pm
4.2.19	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm - all welcome
5.2.18	Parent workshop - Growth Mindset 6pm

Tip Corner

Handwriting (2)

A good pencil grip and the correct amount of pressure is very important to ensuring legible handwriting.

The best way to hold a pen or pencil is to let it rest next to the base of your thumb. Hold it in place with your thumb, and your index and middle finger. If your child finds this tricky they can hold a small pompom or coin with their ring and pinky finger to help them position their fingers correctly.

The grip needs to be relaxed and slowing down the speed of writing can help with letter formation. Lined paper is a great way to help your child practice the size of their letters.

Parent and child consultation

We found that the sharing of information with *both* children and their parents at our consultations in October ensured that everyone was on the same page with regards to learning and behaviour. This has helped children to understand what they need to do to improve and allowed their progress to be clear to them.

We are holding a second parent and child consultation on Wednesday 27th February. A letter providing more information will be sent out towards the end of January.

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 values

Respect

At Canberra we talk about respect all the time as it is cornerstone of our school ethos. When our children show respect to each other and the adults in the school community behaviour and the learning environment are improved.

They are more able to manage challenging aspects in their learning or their social interactions when they are confident that they are respected.

We also focus on self-respect and the importance of having high standards of behaviour and work ethic.

Children are reminded at assembly and during class about the importance of respect and they can describe clearly what respect looks and sounds like. They understand that respect is a two way street and that treating others respectfully will result in respectful treatment from others.

House points are given to children demonstrating respect in class, around the school and in the playground.

CHRISTMAS 2018

Thank you to everyone who supported our Nativity show and Christmas fundraisers. Due to some technical difficulties with the website we were unable to upload the Nativity photos however we hope to have this resolved soon.

The Pupil Council fundraiser for Wish Upon a Star was a great success and raised £154!

Our collection at the Church on 21st December raised £74.58 for Shelter.

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