



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Another year has passed and we are all working hard to squeeze every minute of learning time from our final few weeks! As you will see from the diary there are still a number of events to fit in to the remaining time.

Our transition programme is well underway and in the last week of term the children will 'move on' to their new class and will spend 3 afternoons with their new teacher!

We are so lucky at Canberra to have a team of dedicated, hardworking and innovative staff both within and out with the classroom, who ensure that every child at Canberra receives the support, encouragement and high quality learning experiences that they deserve. Thank you to every one of them!

We all wish you and your wonderful children a fabulous summer break!

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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| 5.6.19 | Parent Council meeting 6.30pm |
| 6.6.19 | New entrant 'Meet your Buddy' morning |
| 6.6.19 | Netball final |
| 7.6.19 | P3 Egyptians trip/P7 Church visits trip |
| 12.6.19 | P7 Duncanrig technology visit |
| 13.6.19 | P2 Botanic Gardens trip |
| 19.6.19 | Beach party discos 1-3pm |
| 24-26.6.19 | Moving on afternoons |
| 25.6.19 | P7 Leaver's assembly 9.30am/Party 6pm |
| 27.6.19 | Parent helper 'Thank you' tea pm |
| 28.6.19 | School closes for summer 1pm- re-open 15.8.19, 9am |

Summer Break

School closes for the Summer break at 1pm on Friday 28th June and re-opens on Thursday 15th August at 9am (except P1-times to follow).

Parent Council

Our thanks go to the Parent Council which, as usual, has worked tirelessly this year to improve the experiences of the children at Canberra.

Three members, Mrs Fidler, Mrs Frame & Mr Tracey, are leaving in June as their children progress onto Duncanrig. Our thanks go to them for their support and enthusiasm!

The Parent Council has run a number of events in session 2018-19. These are as follows:

Hallowe'en disco

Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Craft Fair

Spring Coffee Afternoon

Summer Fair

Beach Party discos

The Parent Council raises funds which are used to provide events and donations to the school. These are noted below.

Donation: £2000 (June 2019)

P7 Leaver's school ties: £103 (June 2019)

P7 Leaver's party: £100 (June 2019)

Beach party disco: £120 (June 2019)

Staffing

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to some staff members at the end of June.

Miss MacLachlan has had an excellent NQT year and is looking forward to starting her career as a fully registered teacher! Primary 2 has benefitted from her cheerful nature and high quality teaching. We wish her good luck as she moves on!

Mrs Thomson, who joined us in March as a support team member of staff is moving onto a new post from August. She has been a great asset to the team and has built a fabulous rapport with the children. We wish her luck in her new post.

We are delighted that Mrs Perrie will be returning to Canberra from maternity leave, in August. She has been in to visit and to meet her new class. We can't wait to have her back on the team!

School Uniform

School uniform can now be ordered all year round via the school website. Select 'About us' from the home page and then follow 'school uniform'. Click on the direct link to our page on Border embroideries. All uniform purchased will have the Canberra badge (as shown) added (except shorts). School ties can continue to be purchased via the school office. All items will be delivered direct to your door!

Please remember to label all items of clothing including PE kit.

Committees

Our committees have had a very successful year and have made a difference to the lives of the children of Canberra. Look out for a summary of their work in 2018-19 and their plan for 2019-20, which will be coming out at the end of June!

A Year in the Life of Canberra Primary

2018-19

We thought that you would enjoy reading a summary of the goings on at Canberra this session!

Parent Events

- Working Together evening
- Parent & child consultations
- Christmas Coffee Morning
- Christmas Show
- Christmas Service
- Easter Service
- New Entrant Event
- Curriculum Evening
- Summer Fair
- Parent helper tea

Extra-curricular clubs

- Netball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Football
- Sports Leaders -P2/P6
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Multi-sports
- Handball
- Coding
- Singing Club
- Book Club
- Drama
- Christmas Crafts
- Spanish
- French
- Zoom Zoom
- Chess
- Games
- Reading & Maths

Pupil Events

- Hallowe'en disco
- Dougal Baillie talk
- P6 Lunch Club
- Christmas parties
- Xmas Factor
- Carols at Hairmyres
- Epilepsy fundraiser
- Wish Upon a Star fundraiser
- P7 Anti-sectarianism events
- P1 & 2 Childsmile
- Dance Showcase
- Christmas workshop
- World Book day
- Beach party discos
- Bikeability - P5
- Big Consultation events
- House Spelling Bee
- House K-nex Challenge
- P6 K-nex Challenge
- Book fair
- Remembrance Day
- Sports Day
- Infant Activities
- Committee meetings and Feedback events
- Class assemblies
- Anti-bullying week
- Sustrans workshop
- Duncanrig Sports Leaders events
- Growth Mindset workshops
- Pantomime

School Trips

- P1: Calderglen
- P2: Botanic Gardens
- P3: Kings Theatre & Hunterian museum/Christmas Cracker
- P4: Vikingar
- P5: Calderglen
- P6: Swimming
- P7: Anti-sectarianism visits/ Lockerbie Manor/ Transition

P7 Transition events

- Volleyball
- Physics
- Sportshall athletics
- Multi-sports
- Maths visit
- DHT visit
- Maths challenge
- Technical, ICT & Engineering
- Maths teacher visit
- S1 pupil visit
- DHT visit

Sporting opportunities

- Handball
- Sportworx Games
- Duncanrig Sports Leaders games events
- P6 swimming
- Netball/Football/ Athletics tournaments
- Cross country championship
- P5 Games event
- Cricket

Committees

Meet every Friday 2-3pm

- Pupil Council
- Eco
- Health
- Rights
- Media & Achievements
- Sports

New Entrant induction

- Visits to all nurseries
- Parent Induction meeting
- 2x visit to class
- Meet Your Buddy event

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1/P7 Buddies • Monitors • House & Vice Captains • Committees • Lunch Club • Big Consultation groups • Technical operators - Assembly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Leaders Zoom Zoom club leaders Reading buddies Xmas Factor comperes Reading & Maths club leaders Parent Consultation leaders Parent 'Thank you' tea comperes |
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School Improvement 2019-20

We are in the process of reviewing our school improvement plan for 2018-19 and setting our targets for 2019-20. Our review and planning includes the spending of our Pupil Equity funding allocated by the Scottish Government to close the poverty related attainment gap.

We have consulted with staff and pupils about both our review and target setting. The Parent Council were consulted on their thoughts on the improvement plan and a questionnaire has been sent to all parents whose children have directly benefited from Pupil Equity Funding.

The information gathered, in conjunction with other data, will be used to inform our School Improvement Plan for next session and to write our Standards and Qualities report for 2018-19.

Both reports will be available in full on the school website from the beginning of July and a summary will be sent home to parents with the September newsletter.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Active Sports and the coaches who have supported learning in Sport throughout the session 2018-19. We have been lucky to benefit from Handball, Cricket, Dance, Judo & Karate this session! We look forward to engaging with more sports coaches next year.

Cost of the School Day

The Scottish Government, as part of its agenda on poverty, has issued guidance to schools on 'The Cost of the School Day' and the impact of this on parent/carer finances. Our initial position statement can be found on the website and will be a priority in the School Improvement Plan 2019-20.