



Canberra Primary

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who helped us commemorate Remembrance at our special assembly which was prepared and delivered by our Primary 7 children and supported by the Chaplaincy Team. The children gave a sensitive and thoughtful presentation which reminded us of the sacrifice made to keep us all safe. Well done P7!

As it gets darker and colder we look forward to our Christmas events which all classes are preparing for: practicing the nativity, learning the nativity songs and preparing their crafts to sell at our Christmas Coffee Morning. We hope that you will be able to join us at one of our events to celebrate this special time of year!

Kind regards

Angela Heasman

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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| 11.11.19 | Remembrance assembly 1.30pm |
| 11.11.19 | Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm |
| 12.11.19 | Anti-bullying week - Odd socks day |
| 18/19.11.19 | In Service days |
| 20.11.19 | Football tournament - selected P6 & 7 pupils |
| 20.11.19 | P1-3 Play workshops 6.00-7.15pm |
| 28.11.19 | Christmas Coffee morning 9.30am-12pm |
| 28.11.19 | Duncanrig P7 Parent meeting |
| 29.11.19 | P7 Sportshall athletics at Duncanrig |
| 3.12.19 | P1-7 Dental inspection |
| 5.12.19 | Netball tournament - selected P6 & 7 pupils |
| 6.12.19 | P7 to Bubblegum and Fluff, Westwood Parish Church |
| 6.12.19 | P3 to Xmas Cracker, Westwoodhill Evangelical Church |

Nursery Update

Great progress is being made with our nursery and we are on track for the adaptations to be complete by 6th January 2020. The playroom is beginning to take shape with all of the key structural elements in place.

The nursery team is in the process of being formed.

Interviews for the nursery teacher take place on 20th November and an advert for the Early Years team leader has gone live, with interviews taking place in December. A team of Early Years workers is now in place and they will be spending time working together over the coming weeks beginning preparations for setting up the nursery. There will be a team of 6 full time equivalent staff once the nursery opens.

Registration applications can now be accepted and anyone wishing to transfer their child to Canberra should approach the nursery where their child has been registered. Transfers will follow the usual admissions procedure.

A date hasn't been agreed for opening as the Care Inspectorate registration is still to be approved but it is anticipated that the nursery will open early in the New Year.

Work on the car park has begun to increase the size by 12 additional spaces. Please bear in mind however that there will be 6 additional staff and 40 additional children in attendance. Parking will not cover all of the additional need and we therefore continue to encourage Park and Stride using the car parking spaces available at the Westwood shops.

Nut allergy

We have a few children at Canberra who suffer from an allergic reaction to nuts. This can cause a range of reactions from causing the lips and throat to tingle and become scratchy, swelling of the airways causing blockage and in severe cases can result in death.

Please remember that we are a nut free school and ensure that your child does not bring snacks or lunches which contain nuts or nut based products. These include chocolate bars such as Snickers and chocolate spread like Nutella.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children of Canberra safe.

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Cost of the School Day Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed a Cost of the School Day survey at our Parent and Child Consultations in October. The raw results have been collated and a copy has been emailed to everyone and posted on the website. The responses for each class have been compared to the school total responses to give parents/carers a picture for their own class and the school as a whole. The next step is to analyse the responses and to use them, alongside the suggestions from pupils, to create a robust school policy to minimise the cost of attending school as far as is reasonably and operationally possible. In order to do this a working group made up of staff, parents and pupils will come together to discuss and develop the policy, which will then be distributed to families. **We need a few parents to help us with this (commitment of approx. 2 hours). If you would like to be involved please contact the school office by email or phone.**

Dyslexia

“Dyslexia can be described as a continuum of difficulties in learning to read, write and/or spell, which persist despite the provision of appropriate learning opportunities. These difficulties often do not reflect an individual's cognitive abilities and may not be typical of performance in other areas.

dyslexiascotland.org.uk (Nov 19)

The assessment of dyslexia is a process rather than an end-product. It is a holistic and collaborative process which takes place over a period of time, drawing on a range of observational and assessment methods. We are well supported by our Specialist Support teacher and our Educational Psychologist, both of whom help us to gather the wide range of evidence required before the identification of dyslexia can be made. The information gathered from assessment is used to support the learner's next steps in learning. Canberra is a dyslexia friendly school and we work hard to identify and support children appropriately through our resources, environment and teaching & learning approaches.

Our children who experience dyslexia have a range of talents and skills which make them unique and they are not defined by their dyslexia. In fact they are encouraged to focus on their skills and talents and to use a wide range of strategies to help them with their areas of difficulty.

There are many highly successful people who have/had dyslexia, such as Keira Knightly, Leonardo Da Vinci, Albert Einstein and Richard Branson to name just a few!

If you would like to find out more about dyslexia, Dyslexia Scotland has a superb website which has lots of great information. You can find it at:- <https://dyslexiascotland.org.uk>

There is also a dedicated site for children aged 8-18 which can be found at:-
www.unwrapped.dyslexiascotland.org.uk

Christmas

We have a number of events happening over the Christmas period and a list of important dates has been issued to all families by email and on paper. The first of these is our Christmas Coffee morning which is being organised by the school this year. We hope you find the attached flyer helpful in providing information about the coffee morning. We look forward to welcoming you to this very joyful event!

We are looking for parents/carers/family members who would like to help out on the day. There is no need for a PVG to help at the coffee morning. If you are available, even for a short time, please contact the school office by phone, email or by popping in.

Thank you!



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