



Canberra Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

October 2020



Message from Mrs Heasman

Dear Parent/Carer It is hard to believe that we have already reached the October school half term holiday! The children have settled back in so well and have adapted to the all of the changes with confidence and resilience. We are looking forward to increasing the curricular areas that are taught next term and to finding creative ways to engage our children in the wider life of the school that they enjoy so much. Our Primary 7's have already been planning how they can engage with their buddies and Primary 6 will be preparing to give their Vice-Captain speeches through Google Meet following the October holiday. Hallowe'en will be here soon and before we know it we will be celebrating Christmas! We want the children to have as normal an experience as we can despite the restrictions in place. Life goes on and we are determined to ensure that the children at Canberra enjoy everything that the Festive season has to offer. It has been a challenging time for all of our families and we are so thankful of the support that you have given us. Trusting us to look after your children and keep them safe during the pandemic is a leap of faith and we don't take your confidence in us lightly. We look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months, no matter what they may bring, to ensure that your child continues to progress as both a learner and a wonderful young person. Have a lovely October break and we all hope that you enjoy a restful, family time together! Regards Angela Heasman



Dates for your diary



13th-16th October
30th October
16th November

October half term holiday, re-open Monday 19th October 9am/9.10am
Hallowe'en themed day 12th November
In service day
Flu vaccinations



Continuity of Learning Covid-19 is set to be with us for some time to come. Our children have already missed a chunk of their learning and we are determined to ensure that no matter what is ahead, that they **progress** and **consolidate** their learning as we move forward. We have therefore, with support from South Lanarkshire Council and the Scottish Government, been reflecting upon how we can ensure not just home learning but **continuity of learning** for our children in the range of scenarios that they could face i.e. self-isolating due to a family member having symptoms or a positive test; self-isolating due to a positive test in their class; a circuit breaker scenario; partial or full Lockdown. In all of these scenarios work will be set for your child via Google Classroom, which will be the main online platform used by the school. Your child has been shown how to access Google

*Classroom within class and all classes (P2-7) have been using it for homework since September. All Primary 1 children have been set up on their Google Classroom in school and information is being sent out to parents about how to access it from home. On each school day a number of tasks will be issued for your child to complete. These will include, as a minimum, a Literacy task, Numeracy task and a learning tasks from at least one other curricular area. Where appropriate these will be supplemented by tasks in the form extended projects which may span a number of days or weeks. The tasks allocated will progress your child's learning as well as provide appropriate consolidation in line with the progress expected for the class/your child's group. In addition physical resources such as reading books, textbooks, jotters and pencils will be sent home. These should be kept safe at home until instructed by the teacher to complete tasks using these items either via Google Classroom or email. Please note that in line with our usual policy, work will not be provided for children who are unwell. A parent/carer leaflet will be sent out following the October holiday. In the meantime please let the school know if you are having difficulty accessing Google Classroom or do not have an appropriate device to do so. **Click on the stack for a quick ready reckoner.***

Our online platform: Google Classroom

Access Google Classroom via Glow

At least one literacy task, numeracy task and task from another curricular area daily

Tasks ensure *progression* and *consolidation*

Physical resources e.g. textbooks complement online learning

Hallowe'en



The spooky season is coming and at Canberra we will be immersing ourselves in all things Hallowe'en on Friday 30th October! A fun day of themed Hallowe'en activities is being planned. Children should come dressed up - no horror, scary masks or weapons please! The Parent Council will be providing treats for everyone. Don't forget to check on twitter to see what we have been getting up to!

Reporting to parents/carers



Reporting to parents/carers is an important part of our work however at present we are unable to welcome parents/carers into school to participate in school events and Parent/Child Consultations. An interim report will therefore be produced for each child and sent home at the end of November. The report will detail how your child has settled back into school and their progress in the key areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing.