

Mrs Stephanie Scott, Acting Head Teacher, 0141 647 1277

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great start to the school year. Everyone has settled in well and enjoying their new class. Calderwood just seems to keep growing and it takes me almost an hour to walk round the classes to say good morning to the pupils and staff and see the fantastic learning that is taking place. This is a very important part of my week and lovely to see the enthusiasm and motivation on our pupils' faces. September is a very busy month in Calderwood and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Over the past few weeks it has been lovely to meet so many parents and carers. If you would like to speak to myself or a member of the Senior Management Team please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kindest regards,

Stephanie Scott

Communication

Communication is vital in Calderwood and we have many ways to notify the parents/carers of what is happening in school.

Twitter: @calderwoodslc please follow for daily updates and photographs

School Website: Calderwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Please also look out for our monthly **Newsletters** with 'Dates for your Diary' for the month ahead.

You can still contact the school office by email on: office@calderwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk or by telephoning, **0141 641 1277**

We are also hoping to continue the group email system for parents/carers to allow us to email information. Thank you for your patience in changing this over.



Parking

Can I please ask that everyone driving to school take extra care with their parking. The drop off zone is not for picking up children and at 3pm no cars, apart from those belonging to staff, should be in the car park, particularly as there are children making their way out. Can I also remind you that children are not allowed to walk across the school car-park.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Achievements

Every Wednesday at our whole school Assembly we announce the many achievements from our pupils. This is a lovely celebration of our pupils' outside achievements. We have already had a few award winners this year, well done! Please remember to let the school know how wonderful you are in your extra-curricular activities.

Safety in the Playground

It is lovely to see our pupils arriving to school on their bikes and scooters but could I please remind children to dismount at the school gate for the safety of all children and adults.

A reminder that dogs are not allowed in the school playground for health and safety reasons.

Thank you for your support.

Credit Union

The Credit Union is up and running and is on every Monday. Any child can start a Credit Union account. Please ask the school office for further information. Financial Education is a very important skill for the children to learn therefore please give this your consideration.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event which was a great success. There was a fantastic turnout and we enjoyed meeting you all!



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School Improvement Plan

Every year the school writes an Improvement Plan to ensure we target what we see as key developments within the school. This year our priorities are:

- Raising attainment in numeracy with a particular focus on new methodology (Big Maths), differentiation and pace of learning
- Raising attainment in literacy through implementation of P4-7 Book Banding and P1-3 focus on North Lanarkshire Literacy Strategies
- Major focus on monitoring and tracking pupil progress.
- Review the results of the Government Health and Wellbeing Survey P5 and P7 during 2016-2017.
- Evaluation, looking beyond our own school through Cluster Focus in Moderation of Writing,
- Development of holistic assessment in literacy (utilizing aspects of good practice already in place - review and refine) Implementation of development work undertaken by Grammar Working Party

A copy of our Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report can be found on the school website or a copy can be obtained by telephoning or emailing the school office.

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs start back on the week beginning the 4th of September. Please look in your Childs' bag for more information. We are trying to ensure that all pupils are given an opportunity to attend an after school session for at least 4-6 weeks throughout the year. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who give up their free time and put together a variety of different clubs to give our pupils a wider variety of exciting opportunities

Clubs Starting in September

Tuesday 5th - P7 Football Club

Thursday 7th - P4 Homework Club

Thursday 7th - P7 Volleyball Club

Monday 11th - Mandarin Taster for P5

Tuesday 12th - P2-P7 Gardening Club, adults welcome

A reminder that all clubs are on from 3pm to 4pm

Please look out for many more clubs coming soon!

Dates for your Diary

4th September - Credit Union every Monday

5th September - PC Simpson to visit P1, Keeping Safe

6th September - PC Simpson to visit P6 and P7, Internet Safety

7th September - Parent Council Meeting/AGM - 7:00pm - 9:00pm. All parents welcome

14th September - P1 'Family Fun Night' 6:00pm - 7:30pm. All P1's and their families welcome!

19th September - P1 Park Visit at 1:15pm

21st September - Dress Down Day, £1 Donation

5th October - Parent Council Meeting, 7:00pm - 9:00pm. All parents welcome

6th October - Hopscotch Theatre Company, Rights of the Child

9th October - Warburtons to visit Primary 1

***** School will be closed on Friday the 22nd of September and Monday the 25th of September for the September Weekend.**

***** Our first Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday the 11th of October from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

