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Dear Parents/Carers,

September seems to have flown past. Over the past month I have been visiting all of the classes and I am very impressed with the teaching and learning which is taking place. The pupils are enjoying a wide variety of learning experiences and challenges set by our high expectations. I have also been speaking with staff about the children in their classes and making the most of any opportunities to speak with the children both informally and within the context of their class activities. Your children really do enjoy being part of the Calderwood Community and are a credit to themselves, their families and their school.

As always, it has been lovely to meet so many parents/carers over the past month and I am looking forward to meeting you all at our first Parents' Evening in October.

*Kindest regards,  
Stephanie Scott*

## Staffing

The position of **Head Teacher** has now been advertised with a closing date of the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2017.

This month we say 'goodbye' and 'good luck' to **Mrs Carolyn Brown**, our **Primary 1 Teacher**, who has been promoted within Glasgow City Council and leaves us on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. We wish her well in her new promoted post.

We also say 'hello' to two new members of staff, **Miss Paula MacLeod**, who will be joining us permanently and will be teaching **Primary 1, Room 2** for the remainder of this session.

We also welcome **Evelyn Park** who will be joining us two days a week on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November and will be teaching in **Primary 2, Room 3**, every Thursday and Friday.

We welcome both new members of staff to the Calderwood Team and I have no doubt they will enjoy their time here.

## Society of St. Vincent De Paul

The St. Vincent De Paul will be running free school meals in St. Columbkilles on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. All welcome!

## Primary 1 Family Fun Night

\*\*\*Thank you to our Parent Council for a fun-filled night for our new Primary 1's and their families. I am sure you will agree that everyone had a fantastic night.\*\*\*

## School Photographs

We have secured a photographer to take individual photographs of all our pupils and a group photograph of Primary 1 and Primary 7. There will also be an option to have family photographs. Could you please ensure all children wear their shirt, tie and of course their smiles, from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. Thank you!



## Dress Down Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Dress Down Day'. This was a very successful day and we raised over £400 for School Funds.

## Communication

Our new **email** system is almost complete. Thank you for your patience with this. You can also find out what is happening in Calderwood Primary via our **Twitter** account which is updated almost daily with photographs and information as well as our **School Website** and our **Parent Council Facebook Page**.

### School Priorities

**Literacy** - P4-P7 Book Banding has now been implemented. Upper school staff have been engaging in Critical Writing to support our upper school and we have our week long focus on writing throughout the school. Infant classes have enjoyed learning using their new Active Literacy resources and staff have been working together to share best practice with a few teachers attending courses to ensure we continue to raise attainment in all areas of Literacy.

**Numeracy** - September saw us taking part in 'Maths Week Scotland' and all classes took part in a variety of challenging and fun maths lessons. Staff have also set up a Maths Working Party to ensure we continue to raise attainment in Maths within the school.

**Health and Wellbeing** - During the month of October our Health and Wellbeing lessons will be taking on a 'healthy' focus. To highlight the importance and benefits of healthy eating we are, once again, encouraging all students (and their families) to sign up for the Stoptober Healthy Snack Challenge. Some staff have already signed up too.

### Parents' Evening

Our first Parents' Evening will be on **Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> October** from **3:30pm - 5:30pm** and **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. P1-P3 will be in the Dining Hall and P4-P7 will be in the Main Hall. (Room 2 will have an earlier Parents Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct). This is an opportunity for us to report on your child's progress and next steps.

Please take time during the evening to give your views on Homework within the school, thank you.

There will also be an opportunity for you to visit our Book Fayre and speak to a representative from Eastfield about their ACE clubs.



### Dates for your Diary

**2nd October** - Book Fayre arrives in the school

**5<sup>th</sup> October** - Room 2 Parents' Evening, 2:30pm to 6:00pm  
Parent Council Meeting, 7:00pm -8:45pm. All parents welcome!

**6<sup>th</sup> October** - Hopscotch Theatre Company, 'Rights of the Child'  
**Primary 5, Room 11 (Mrs McGuire), Showcase Assembly at 2pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> October** - Warburtons to visit Primary 1

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**12<sup>th</sup> October** - Room 6 at Vikingar, Largs

**13<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Assembly for all pupils, food donations welcome, thank you

**\*\*\* School will close at 3pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of October and reopen on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am for the October Week Holiday.**

**24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October** - School Photographs for all pupils.

**26<sup>th</sup> October** - Halloween Disco, P2-P4 6:30pm to 7:30pm, P5 - P7, 7:45pm to 8:45pm

**31<sup>st</sup> October** - P1 Halloween Party 1pm to 3pm

**\*\*\*Save the Date - Our annual Christmas Fayre is Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2017**