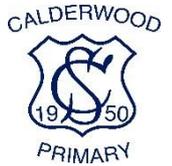


Calderwood Primary School



Newsletter

20th August 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our children and families back to a new school session. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. It was lovely to see all our pupils looking so smart on Thursday and Friday as they settled into their new classes. Along with all of the Calderwood team, I am excitedly looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead. We want to maintain the fantastic relationships which exist between Calderwood parents, carers and families and the school team. Your involvement and input is very important to us and we would love to hear your suggestions and ideas.

Mrs Jones

Welcome to Calderwood!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new Calderwood children and families who have joined us this session, both our new Primary 1s and those who are joining the school at other stages. I know that you will very quickly feel part of our school community.

I am also delighted to welcome our new members of staff to the school. Miss Turpin and Miss Collins join us as newly qualified teachers. Miss Fitzpatrick is joining us in Primary 1. She will be working alongside Miss Macleod as an additional class teacher. Miss Gray joins us in Primary 6. I am confident they will all be fantastic additions to our team.

School News

Lunchtimes

We have taken a decision to change junior and senior lunchtimes. Lunchtimes will now be:

P1/2/3: 12.30 – 1.15

P4/5/6/7 – 12.45 – 1.30

We will monitor the new times for a few weeks and notify you of any subsequent changes.

'Welcome Back' Pack

You will soon receive a pack of important forms to be completed and returned to the school. These include the Annual Data Check. It is essential that we hold correct contact information for each child. Please check the information we hold and update if necessary. This is particularly important regarding contacts in case of emergencies. You will also receive an EV5 (for trips/excursions) form to complete. This covers the school to take children on local outings, which you would be notified of ahead of time. A separate EV5 form would be sent home for more further afield excursions. Please send completed forms back into school as quickly as possible. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Outdoor PE Sessions

This session each class will be timetabled for one indoor and one outdoor session of PE every week to ensure that we are complying with the Scottish Government's commitment that every child experiences 2 hours of PE a week. Your child's teacher will inform you of the days for their class. Please ensure on outdoor PE days your child comes to school with appropriate clothing (i.e. joggers or leggings and a jumper). Thank you.

Football

Please remember that there should be no football played in the playground before 9am.

Well done!

A special mention to Esther Vicker in Primary 5, Room 10 who held her own art exhibition over the summer to raise money for school art supplies. She raised an amazing £211 which is greatly appreciated. Well done to a very generous, creative and talented girl.

Communication

There are a number of ways we communicate with parents and carers to keep you informed about events and essential information.

OUR NEW APP: Please download our new school app (see attached leaflet). This is a great way for us to keep you up-to-date with news and events and will be used to share notifications and information.

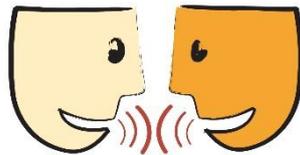
OUR WEBSITE: We will update our website regularly with important dates and upcoming events. Find us at www.calderwood-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

TWITTER: We also regularly update our Twitter account - @CalderwoodPS - with news and photographs.

E-MAIL: We will continue to use e-mail to contact parents. Please note it may take a couple of weeks to set up groups for the new session. If you would like to be contacted by e-mail, please ensure we have the most up-to-date e-mail address for you.

PUPIL POST: We will continue to send letters home in children's school bags, please check regularly!

TEXT MESSAGE: We do have a function available to text parents, however, this is very costly to the school and can be slow and unreliable if multiple schools are using the system at the same time (for example, during snow closures). The app will replace this as a means of communication. Text messages would likely only be used for urgent messages or where other methods of communication were not possible.



Educational Excursions

At Calderwood Primary School we are committed to offering each class an excursion every school year linked to their class learning. We are also committed to offering these at no cost to parents, which we are able to do due to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our Parent Council and the support of our wider parent body. Excursions are planned along with learning at the beginning of the session, and we aim to give children fun experiences which bring their learning to life.



Partnerships with Parents

On behalf of the school I would like to say a huge thank you to our Parent Council for all the hard work they put in last year to raise an amazing amount of money for the school and also provide our children, families and community with lots of fun events and activities. I extend my thanks to each and every one of you involved. The school relies on money given to us from the Parent Council which funds transportation, activities and resources which benefit every child in the school and help to keep additional costs down for parents and families. Thank you!

The first Parent Council meeting is on Thursday 6th September 2018 at 7pm in the school.



Absence Procedures

Please phone the office **before 9.30am** to inform us if your child will be absent from school. A message can be left on the answering machine. Please also let the office know about any medical or dental appointments by letter or e-mail. Please remember that all holidays taken during term time will be categorised as unauthorised.



School Uniform

I am delighted to see everyone back at school looking very smart in their school uniform. Just a reminder that shirts and ties should be worn every day, with polo shirts permissible on PE days.

Please remember to ensure that all children have indoor shoes to change into when they come into school.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and additional items such as packed lunch boxes and water bottles have children's names on them. It makes it much easier for us to reunite lost items with their owners!



Water and Snacks

We encourage children to bring a bottle of plain water with them to school every day. A sports cap bottle is best as this prevents spillages. Please ensure that your child's name is on their bottle. This can be filled throughout the day as required.

As we are a Health Promoting School, children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack with them to enjoy at break time. Please remember that Calderwood Primary is a Nut Free Zone. We ask that children do not have any products containing nuts within their snacks or lunch boxes. Thank you.



Milk and Lunchtime Drinks

Milk is available to purchase from the school each day for a cost of 20p per carton. Water is provided at lunchtimes for children, however, if your child would prefer to bring in a carton of (non-fizzy) juice to accompany their school meal, they are more than welcome to do so.



Administration of Medicines

Please contact the office and speak to a member of staff if your child requires medicine during the school day. A form must be completed by parents or carers to allow the administration of medicines at school. No medicine should be brought into the school without staff knowledge. I appreciate your support with this matter.



Holidays

I know we have just returned from a lovely, long summer break, but - for your diaries - the next school holidays to look forward to are the September Weekend (school will be closed on Friday 21st and Monday 24th September) and the October Week (school will be closed from Monday 15th to Friday 19th October 2018). Please find a list of holiday dates below.

School holiday Dates Session 2018/2019

Break	Holiday dates		
September Weekend	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	20 September 2018 25 September 2018
October Break	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	12 October 2018 22 October 2018
	In-service day	Monday	19 November 2018
Christmas	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	21 December 2018 7 January 2019
Second Term			
February break	Close on Closed on	Friday Monday and Tuesday	8 February 2019 11 February 2019 12 February 2019
	In-service day	Wednesday	13 February 2019
Spring break/Easter	Close on Re-open	Friday Monday	29 March 2019 15 April 2019
	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	18 April 2019 23 April 2019
Third Term			
Local Holiday	Closed	Monday	6 May 2019
	In-service day	Tuesday	7 May 2019
Local Holiday	Close on Re-open	Thursday Tuesday	23 May 2019 28 May 2019
Summer break	Closed	Friday	28 June 2019

Notes

- Good Friday falls on Friday, 19 April 2019
- Schools will close at 2.30pm on the last day of terms 1 and 2 (Friday, 21 December 2018 and Friday 29 March 2019)
- Schools will close at 1pm on the last day of term 3 (Friday 28 June 2019)