



Calderwood Primary School Newsletter

November



2019

November is already upon us! We have had a very busy term so far, with lots of exciting learning opportunities for pupils both in our classes, school and wider community. With only two months left of 2019, we are entering a very eventful time in our school year. November and December are particularly busy (even more so than usual!) at Calderwood Primary School, and we look forward to seeing friends and families at the many upcoming events in the calendar. As we are usually a polling station, the announcement of a General Election on 12th December has caused us to have to come up with a 'Plan B' for our Christmas Concerts and parties in the highly likely event that the school will be closed to pupils on that day. Please see below for further information, and dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Thank you!

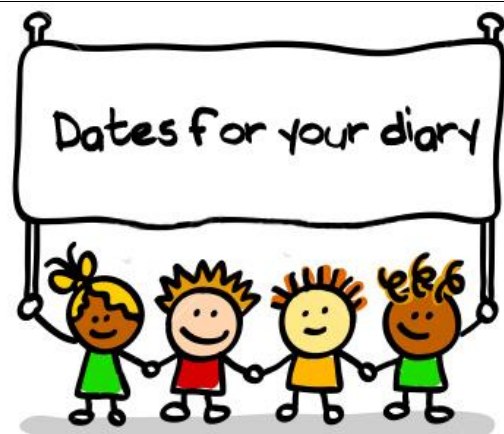
A huge 'thank you' to all our parents and carers who supported our Parents' Evening, and to those who purchased books from our Book Fair. Due to this support, we have £1055 to spend on books for our school. We have allocated each class an amount to allow pupils to choose books to add to their class libraries. Thank you!

Thank you also for supporting our Christmas card initiative. We appreciate that it is very early in the season to be thinking about Christmas already, but we know that our pupils enjoy designing their own cards and families and friends will appreciate their efforts. We hope to have made around £800 from this, and the money will go into our school fund to support additional learning opportunities for our pupils.

Pupil Illness

As we enter the time of year where colds, viruses and other nasties become commonplace, a reminder that pupils should be kept at home for 48 hours following a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea. This is the recommendation from NHS Scotland, and supporting us with this helps to reduce the spread of illness.

If your child has another illness and requires medication during the school day, please request an 'Administration of Medicines' form from our office. Medicines should be kept in the school office and picked up by an adult at the end of the day.



Please find included a list of dates and times for upcoming events in the school diary. This includes a 'Plan B' for Christmas events in the highly likely scenario that we will be used as a polling station on 12th December for the General Election. We are still awaiting confirmation of this, but wanted to give families as much notice as possible of date changes. We will confirm these changes as soon as possible.

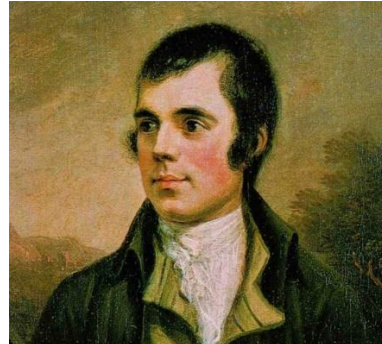
Mobile Phones

If pupils bring mobile phones to school, they should be kept in schoolbags **AT ALL TIMES** once pupils enter school grounds. Pupils should not be using phones for any reason in the playground or school building. School staff should be informed if a child needs to contact a parent or carer. Your help reinforcing this message with pupils is greatly appreciated, thank you.



Robert Burns

We are well into 'Burns Season' at Calderwood Primary School and pupils are practising a variety of poems and musical pieces to perform at the Burns Competition in December.



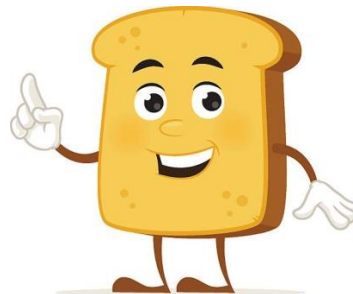
Dress Down for a Donation Day

Preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Fair and, as is tradition, our Parent Council are organising a 'Dress Down for a Donation' Day which will take place on Friday 15th November.

All pupils are welcome to dress down on the day. If you are able, a donation to support the Christmas Fair will be gratefully received. Due to space and storage restrictions, in the first instance our Parent Council are looking for new items to be sent in on 15th November. Bric-a-brac will then be collected during the week beginning 25th November. All items sent into school are very much appreciated – our fabulous fairs would not happen if not for the incredible support of our parents and families.

Breakfast Club

Plans are still afoot for a Calderwood Primary School Breakfast Club. Discussions have taken place about how this would work in the school alongside the existing, privately run, club, and our Support Services Coordinator is now looking at how the Club would be staffed in a sustainable way. Further information will be provided as these plans develop.



Engine Idling

If you are parking and waiting around our school, please remember to turn off your car engine. Not only is engine idling bad for the environment, more importantly, it is bad for our children's health. Please help to keep the air around Calderwood Primary School healthy and remember to turn off your engine.



Wet Weather

During wet weather, our school doors will be opened at 8.45 to allow pupils to come straight into the building.

Playground Supervision

A reminder that we do not have any school supervision in our playground before 9am or after 3pm. Due to this, we would discourage pupils from coming into the playground too early in the morning. We would also ask that only pupils who are being supervised by an adult stay in the playground after 3pm. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.



Updated Calendar of Events for Christmas

In light of recent political events, namely the announcement that a General Election will take place on 12th December, it looks likely that we will need to change the dates of some events in our calendar. We have not yet had confirmation that Calderwood Primary School will be used as a polling station, however, we wanted to give our families as much advanced notice of possible of events. Please see below for details:

Date	Stage	Event	Time
Friday 15th November	Whole school	Dress Down for a Donation Day	All day
Monday 18th November	Whole school	Inset Day – School closed to pupils	All day
Tuesday 19th November	Whole school	Inset Day – School closed to pupils	All day
Week beginning 18th November	Whole school	Book Week Scotland	All week
Wednesday 20th November	Primary 3	A Book, A Bite and A Brew	2.15pm
Thursday 21st November	Primary 6	Volleyball – Stonelaw High School	9.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 21st November	Primary 2	A Book, A Bite and A Brew	2.15pm
Friday 22nd November	Primary 1	A Book, A Bite and A Brew	9.15am
Friday 22nd November	Primary 4	Primary 4 Class Assembly	2.15pm
Friday 29th November	Primary 5	Primary 5 Class Assembly	9.30am
Saturday 30th November	Whole school	Christmas Fair	10am – 2pm
Monday 9th December	Primary 2, 3 and 4	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Performances at 1.30pm and 6.30pm (ticket details to follow)
Tuesday 10th December	Primary 5, 6 and 7	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Performances at 1.30pm and 6.30pm (ticket details to follow)
Wednesday 11th December	Primary 6	Christmas Unwrapped- At Stonelaw Church	9.30am – 12.15pm

Wednesday 11th December	Primary 3	Christmas Party	1.30pm
Thursday 12th December	Whole school	General Election – School MAY be closed to pupils	All day
Friday 13th December	Whole school	Christmas Jumper Day	All day
Friday 13th December	Primary 4	Christmas Party	1.30pm
Monday 16th December	Primary 5	Christmas Party	11.00am
Monday 16th December	Primary 1	NATIVITY	Performances at 1.30pm and 6.30pm (ticket details to follow)
Tuesday 17th December	Primary 6	Christmas Party	1.30pm
Wednesday 18th December	Primary 7	Christmas Party	1.30pm
Thursday 19th December	Primary 1	Christmas Party	11.00am
Thursday 19th December	Primary 2	Christmas Party	1.30pm
Friday 20th December	Whole school	Christmas Service	9.30am
Friday 20th December	Whole school	School closes for Christmas Holidays	2.30pm

Parent Helpers



We are always on the look-out for extra help. If you can help out in any way, either for one-off excursions or on a more regular basis, please complete the slip below and return to the school office. (Grans, grandads and other family members are very welcome, too.)

Thank you!

I would love to help at Calderwood Primary School!

Name: _____

Name of child: _____ **Primary:** _____

Please tick as appropriate:

I can help for one-off events

I can help on a more regular basis

I can help on the following days:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					
Afternoon					