

# Calderwood Primary School

## Tuesday Newsday

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

#### Issued with this newsletter...

- Annual Data Check, Information Checklist, ICT Responsible User Agreement, Use of Digital Technology Check, SLC Privacy Notice and Permission for Photographs in School Form
- Absence Flowchart and letter to parents from Jason Leitch

We have had a very settled start to the session, and I would like to say a huge 'well done' to all our pupils who have very quickly settled back into our daily routines and the 'new normal'. They are doing us proud, as always! Our new Primary 1s are a brilliant bunch – it is hard to believe that they have only been at school for a few weeks already. They are showing a lot of independence.

Garry Maguire, our SLC link officer at headquarters, visited the school on Friday morning, and he was very impressed by our pupils, the support we have received from our parents and all the hard work staff have put into making our return to Calderwood a success. It really is all about working together, so thank you for your continued support.

We know that the emergence of some nasty colds and sore throats over the past week or so have sometimes made the decision of whether or not to send children to school a difficult one. We have attached some further information in the form of a flow chart and a letter from Jason Leitch, which we hope will be helpful.

Please check your child's schoolbag tonight for a bundle of very important letters and forms to be completed and returned. We apologise for bombarding you with so much information at one time, but please take some time to read through, complete where necessary and send back into school as soon as possible.

Finally, please remember that this newsletter will only be issued digitally on the App and website unless you request a paper copy. If you would like a paper copy, or if you have any other questions or comments, please email me at [gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14calderwoodht@glow.sch.uk).

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Innes 

### Re-Scheduled In-Service Day

The 2<sup>nd</sup> in-service day for schools across South Lanarkshire has been agreed as **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. The school will be closed to pupils on this day.

You may recall that the original schedule was to begin the new term with two in-service days, but this was changed to one day after the Scottish Government announcement that pupils would begin to return to school from Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

The other 3 in-service days remain unchanged. They are:

- **Monday, 16 November 2020**
- **Wednesday, 10 February 2021**
- **Thursday, 6 May 2021**

The setting of holiday dates for schools in Scotland requires pupils to attend school for 190 days each year with teachers required to work 195 days, which includes 5 in-service days.

I hope that by sharing this information it will give you some time to plan for these dates when children are not at school.



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### Wet Mornings

Please remember that pupils should still enter through the allocated door for their class on wet mornings (not through the closest door). All entrances will be staffed on wet mornings. The reason for doing this is to try to minimise movement around the school as much as possible. Thank you!



### Milk Money

In January, the local authority introduced ParentPay to Calderwood, with the aim of us becoming a cash-free school. With government guidance discouraging cash transactions whenever possible, this is even more important this session.

Pupils wishing to purchase milk at lunchtime should now have this paid through ParentPay. If you have any problems accessing your account, please contact the school office.



### Parking

Unfortunately, I have again taken a number of complaints from parents and residents about unsafe driving and parking around the school. Please help us to maintain good relationships with our neighbours and, much more importantly, ensure our children and families can travel to school safely by driving with care and parking sensibly around the school. Please do not park on pavements, blocking access for pedestrians (this is a particular issue on Buchanan Drive). Please also remember that the staff car park is for staff parking only. It can also be used to drop pupils off, but only to 'drop-and-go'.



If you need to make contact with a member of staff from the school, please email:

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