



# Campsie View Newsletter

## September 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



There is beautiful sunshine outside my window as I write, but also a distinctly autumnal nip in the air ... we are into September already, our classes are up and running and we are all set for another exciting year of learning and teaching at Campsie View!

This year we have ten new Primary 1 pupils, to whom we extend the warmest of welcomes:



I'm sure that, as always, parents and carers are very pleased that the new school year is now in full swing and those long summer holidays are a distant memory. Please remember that all of us here at the school are committed to supporting you and your son or daughter in whatever way we can - you can contact us at any time if you need help, advice or just a chat to catch up on how your child is doing. You certainly don't have to wait for a parents' night, although we do have the first one of the year very soon (you should have had detailed information about this in August's newsletter, but see below for a reminder of when it is).

### Parent Council



The first Parent Council meeting of 2018/19 will be held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**. **Please note that all Parent Council (and PTA) meetings will now be held at Lenzie Academy.** The Parent Council

is a positive voice for parents, and we are always happy to welcome new members, so please do come along if you are willing and able! Angus Douglas is our Chairperson and Sharon Nel our Vice Chairperson, both of whom always welcome contributions to and feedback on the work of the Council or the life of the school in general.

## The Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

This group continues to raise a considerable amount of money for the school through a whole range of social events and I am very grateful to them for the work they do. The first meeting this session took place last week. As with the Parent Council, the PTA Chair, Jenny Sorbie, is always happy to welcome new members, so if you would like the date of their next meeting, please give us a ring at school. The PTA's first event of the year is a sponsored walk, details of which are attached.



## Volunteers

Welcome back once again to our volunteers! They really do make a difference, so if you know of anyone who would like to help us, please ask them to contact Simon.



## Communication with School

**Please say  
'Hello' to the  
School**

The home/school diary is a great way of giving us basic information about your young person. Please use the diaries for 'adult info' as the 'talkers' are played to the whole class group.



**Office**

Many of you 'phone the school to speak to us. As you know, we try to answer the phone promptly and if the person you want isn't available then Lesley, Pippa or Anne-marie will pass on a message. Could I just let you know that the office ladies finish at 4.30pm? The reason I highlight this is that, although I and other staff members are almost always in the school much later, the 'phone is not necessarily manned. **If it is something important that you need to speak to us about it would be really helpful if you could try to contact the school between 8.00am and 4.00pm.**

Could I also remind you to contact us directly about any change in arrangements for your young person? We have often found that messages delivered by a third party, eg an escort, are not always accurate.

If you are coming in to the school to deliver a message / some information or for any reason at all could I please ask that you **always report to the office when you arrive.** We take the safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so it is important that I and / or the office staff know who is in the building and what they are here for.

## School Improvement Plan [SIP]



Work on the new improvement plan is already well underway. All of the working parties have been having their initial meetings over the last couple of weeks and the Senior Management Team and I have begun our monitoring of the huge amount of work that all our staff put in to ensure that we continue to strive for excellence across the school. A wee reminder that our SIP priorities for this year are the **National**

**Improvement Framework**, including the **Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) project** (see below); **School Learning Community** and the **Nursery**. If you would like a copy of the SIP,

which gives a breakdown of tasks included in each of the three priorities, please contact the school office. It will also very soon be available on the school website.

### Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)

It cannot possibly have escaped your notice that last year we were the lucky beneficiaries of a significant amount of money from the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF). This



is a Scottish Government initiative designed to help schools 'close the poverty-related gap' and raise attainment and achievement, particularly in Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing. We used our money to bring in four arts specialists, who worked with school staff to deliver an expressive arts project called 'Sing It, Shake It, Move It, Make It'. The project was designed to help pupils continue to develop the 'fundamentals of communication' which underpin literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing, and included art,

dance, drama and song around the themes of City Scapes, Under the Sea and Woodlands. We also held a series of workshops for parents and carers, giving them the opportunity to work alongside the arts specialists with their children. If you are interested in a detailed evaluation of the impact of our PEF project, this can be found in my Standards & Quality (S&Q) Report for 2017/18, shortly to be published on our website. You can also request a hard copy of the S&Q Report from the school office. I can tell you with confidence, however, that the project overall was incredibly successful, engaging pupils (and parents and staff!) in a whole range of new and exciting creative experiences.



This year we have again received Pupil Equity Funding and have some really exciting plans - there will be a whole-school show in March which will build on pupils' learning through PEF last year, and teachers and SLAs are being supported in a number of collaborative learning opportunities by our Acting PT for PEF. We are also linking up with Merkland School staff to share training and shadowing over the course of the year. All of this is designed, as always, to make a difference to our children by continuing our work to maintain and improve learning and teaching across the school.

Watch this space!

### Pupil Achievements: SQA National 1 Awards

 In session 2017/18 our Senior Phase students gained a total of 93 SQA National 1 units, including Personal Achievement Awards, between them. Huge congratulations to all - I am so impressed with the hard work they have done. By way of celebration of this, we held an Awards assembly on 5 September to which parents were invited to see their young people being presented with certificates to mark their achievement.



## Parents' Night



A reminder that there is a Parents' Night on **Thursday 13 September, 6 - 9pm**. This will be an opportunity for parents of pupils in P2 - S6 to discuss pupils' draft Individualised Educational Programmes (IEPs), which will be sent home on 6 September. For parents of children in the nursery and P1, the evening will allow you time with your child's teacher(s) to discuss general progress and, specifically, how s/he has settled in.

## Parent Workshops

Last session we ran a number of workshops for parents during the day and this year we would like to continue this. What we would like to know is what YOU would like to hear about?

There is a tear off slip at the end of the newsletter which you can complete or you could simply call me to give me your suggestions.

Thank you.



## Flu immunisations

This year's date for flu immunisations for primary aged pupils is **Wednesday 7 November**. I am delighted to be able to help support this NHS programme in school. Last year the uptake across the country was 72%. As you will know, in some cases flu can have serious complications, so it is worthwhile giving serious thought to whether or not you would like your child to be immunised.

## September Weekend

I know you have a copy of the holiday calendar but please remember that school closes for the September weekend on **Thursday 20 September at 3.00p.m.** and re-opens on **Tuesday 25 September at 9.00a.m.**

## Child Protection / Safeguarding



Just to remind you that I am the Child Protection Officer for the school. If ever you have any concerns of a welfare / child protection nature, please contact me at the earliest opportunity. In my absence Moira and Simon, our DHTs, will deal in the first instance with any concerns or enquiries.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Parents' Night on 13 September.

Yours sincerely

*Anna Lewis*

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Head Teacher

## SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENT WORKSHOPS

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