

# Campsie View Newsletter

## October 2018



Dear Parents and Friends,



Happy October! It's official! I have decided that autumn is the very best season! In assembly this afternoon we were singing that old favourite 'Three Crows' - you know how it goes, the bit about a 'cold and frosty morning'? That's what it was like when I stepped out of my door to come to school first thing, and it was absolutely beautiful. A

significant part of our curriculum is about outdoor learning, and as I drove to school and looked at all the amazing colours around me I could see what the benefits to pupils would be on a day like this. (We do also like getting the wellies out and splashing around in the puddles which I know will come ...)



### Staffing

I would like to welcome Laurene Stewart, Laura Dickson, Emma Mitchell, Leigh Tucker and Rowan Steele to the SLA team, some of them on a permanent basis and others temporary and supply. Welcome, too, to Laura Kidd, one of the two new teachers appointed recently because of our pupil numbers, which are still on the rise. Jason Smith will be our second additional teacher and will start with us in January.



### School Improvement Plan

Those of you who read my every word in these newsletters (and I know there are many of you!!) will already know that the main priorities in this year's School Improvement Plan (SIP) are the **National Improvement Framework**, the **Nursery** and our **School Learning Community**. Those of you who are also closely acquainted with our SIP will have spotted that these are the same as last year's priorities. This is not an error - the three identified areas are key in supporting and improving learning and teaching in the school. This year's tasks, broken down in each section of the SIP, are of course different and, as always, the school's working parties are already working hard at taking them forward. The SIP will very soon be on our brand new website, along with my Standards and Quality Report for 2017/18. If you would prefer a hard copy of either or both of these documents, please contact Lesley, Pippa or Anne-marie in the school office to request them.



## Our very generous local community ...



We are very grateful yet again to Lenzie Churches' Open Gardens, who have recently donated another £400+ to our school fund. Heartfelt thanks also go to Gordon Sinclair, Raminder Gosal and a friend of the school who wishes to remain anonymous, who have donated £200, £500 and £1,000 respectively ... thanks to Andy Forman, who gave us a set of camera lights, and to Diesel Recon, Barclays Bank and Yorkshire Building Society, who keep coming back to help us with painting and decorating, laying slabs in the outdoor areas, weeding, building vegetable planters and (almost) anything else we ask them to do. All of these acts of kindness and generosity make a real difference to the quality of school life we can offer to our pupils.

## Sponsored walk

In addition to our community friends and supporters, we also have a very hard-working PTA, who once again organised a sponsored walk in September. The turn-out of families, staff and dogs is becoming an annual event of some note. Both this year and last in excess of £1500 was raised, so my thanks also go to all the parents and staff who contributed to the event.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Primary Fancy Dress Party



Parents of primary pupils should watch out for information about this special event, which is taking place after school on **Wednesday 31 October**. Secondary students will, as always, have their own party in February and the nursery will have its annual Teddy Bears' picnic in the summer.

### Makaton Workshops



Catherine Durward, Speech & Language Therapist, will be holding Makaton workshops for parents on **Thursday 1 November 9.30am - 11.00am** and **3.30 - 5.00pm**. Please fill in the slip at the end of this newsletter if you would like to attend either of the workshops. Slips can be returned to the office via your child's diary.

### Art Workshops

Sarah Wakeford, the local artist who worked with us on the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) project last year, is returning this session to work again with our pupils and families in a number of



ways. The first of these is a series of art workshops for parents and their offspring on 25 October and 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November. Rachel, our Acting PT in charge of PEF, will be sending out details to parents of secondary age pupils very shortly. There will of course be other opportunities later in the year for parents of pupils in the nursery and primary stages.

### Tea with Santa



Dare I mention it?! Tea with Santa is still nearly three months away (13<sup>th</sup> December) but I am bringing it to your attention early because we are looking for donations of tombola and raffle prizes from now onwards ... if you can help with this, we will be over the moon.

### October Holiday Dates



There is an in-service day on **Friday 12 October** so the school will be closed to pupils **as of 3pm on Thursday 11 October** and will reopen on **Monday 22 October** at the usual time.

I'm sure I shall see many of you before the October holiday and very much look forward to catching up with you either informally as you pop in and out, or perhaps at a review meeting? Please remember our 'open door' policy is always very much in operation and we welcome seeing or hearing from you at any time.

Kind regards

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