

Carmondean Primary School Newsletter 6

February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the February break.

Outdoor Learning and Gardening

Our outdoor learning continues to develop with all classes accessing either the playground or the woods adjacent to the school. Part of the children's learning involves them in working with loose parts, simple everyday objects that can improve creativity, boost social and problem-solving skills and support inclusion. With this in mind, we are looking to increase the number of loose parts for the children to use and we would really appreciate donations of the following items:

Pipes
Wooden planks
Crates
Wood offcuts
Tubing
Old tyres – all sizes including bike tyres
Guttering
Pebbles
Shells
Pine cones
Old sheets
Plastic tubs/tins
Ropes

As well as boosting our loose parts we are also keen to start gardening again and we would really appreciate donations of the following:

Assorted sizes of pots
Compost
Fruit and vegetable seeds
Flower seeds
Bulbs
Seed potatoes
Cuttings

If you are keen to support our outdoor learning programme which includes our plans for gardening, please either send your donation into school with your child, drop them off at the School Office or hand them to either myself or to Mrs Weir at the gate in the morning or at the end of the day.

Winter Ready

In the event of severe weather and the school has to close for whatever reason, the best place for your children to continue with their learning is through Teams (P4-7) and Seesaw (P1-3). Our older children are able to do this independently, but our younger pupils will need some adult help.

Closing a school is something we do not do lightly and we do everything possible to avoid such an event. However, if a closure is deemed necessary we will ensure that you are fully informed of the procedures that are put in place to allow you to organise child care.

Please ensure that all contact details are up to date as we use Group Call to notify parents of closures etc. Please note we can only Group Call or email the main contact of each family.

School Office

A reminder that all hands on deck continues to ensure our children are well looked after and supervised at morning interval and at lunchtime. Mrs Wotherspoon and Mrs McLean have kindly stepped in to help with this and are away from the Office at various times throughout the day. If you are calling the Office for any reason and the phone continues to ring or there is no answer, please leave a message on the answering machine and someone will get back to you as soon as they can. Alternatively, email the School Office at wlcarmondean-ps@westlothian.org.uk.

Please note that the Office opens for business at 8.30am and closes at 4.00pm so if you call the school before or after these times please leave a message on the answering machine.

Deans Gala Day

This year, Deans Gala Day will take place on Saturday 17th June. The Galaday Committee would like to invite everyone who wishes to be part of the Pageant to put their child's name forward for the following:

Primary 6 or 7 – Our Galaday Queen 2023
Primary 6 or 7 – Lady in Waiting
Primary 6 or 7 – Flower Queen and Rainbow Queen
Primary 6 or 7 – Herald
Primary 6 or 7 – Prince
Primaries 1-5 – Flower Girls and Rainbow Girls
Primaries 1-5 – Guards

Children must reside or attend a school in Deans or Carmondean to be considered for a role. All names must be in by Wednesday 22nd February 2023.

If your child would like to be entered into the draw, please email your child's name, age, address and the school they attend to deansgala@gmail.com or message the Deans Galaday Facebook page. **DO NOT EMAIL THE SCHOOL.**

The draw will take place on Sunday 5th March 2023 in Deans Bowling Club at the Family Fun Day. Tickets for this are £2 per adults and children are free.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian E Millar

Dates for the diary

Thursday 23 rd March	P5 Handball Festival, Deans Community High School (more details to follow)
Thursday 30 th March	P7 Residential Information Meeting, 17.30 (more details to follow)
Friday 31 st March	Church Last day of term
Monday 17 th April	All pupils resume