

Carmondean Primary School Newsletter 2

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the weather is becoming more autumnal, please ensure your child comes to school every day wearing suitable weather appropriate jackets and shoes.

House and Vice House Captains

As is tradition at Carmondean, children in Primary 6 and 7 who wanted to take on the role of House and Vice House Captain made a presentation to the whole school during assembly. Every child in the school was given a vote and the results are:

P7 House Captains

Deer Park – Harper McKay

Raeburn – William Tait

Sutherland – Lewis Robertson

Waverley – Ella Rose Allison

P6 Vice House Captains

Deer Park – Georgie McKinven

Raeburn – Leah MacKay

Sutherland – Lily Beth Mawer

Waverley – Caitlyn Smith

Parent Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place this term over 2 evenings, Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October, 16.00 until 18.30, with the usual 10 minutes allocated to each meeting. Booking information has been sent via email. Please call the office if you have not received this.

Carmondean Pantry and pre-loved clothing bank

With the cost of living uppermost in the minds of everyone, we will shortly be reopening our doors to the community to hopefully ease the cost to families for free items of school clothing, basic food items and children's books. If you need any items, please use the link below or just pop in when you are passing

<https://forms.office.com/r/SZZY54XRtZ>

School Milk

The milk fund for next term, 28th October to 19th December 2025, is now available within iPayimpact. The cost for next term is £8.97. Please pay online via iPayimpact by Thursday 16th October. **No late payments will be accepted.**

Milk is provided free of charge to pupils who have applied for and been granted free entitlement.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning continues to be part of our curriculum, P4 to 7 on a Monday (Monday Mania) and P1-3 on a Tuesday (Team Tuesday).

Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing (waterproof trousers, waterproof jacket, wellies, gloves, hat etc). If your child requires an item of outdoor clothing, please let us know. We have a small bank of clothes for any child who is not fully prepared for the Scottish weather.

Jewellery and footwear

We are seeing a rise in the number of children wearing jewellery to school particularly large earrings which are not appropriate for a school environment. Mrs Ferguson, in particular, has to spend time at the beginning of each lesson ensuring that all jewellery is removed to make sure that the children are safe during P.E. There is also a rise in the number of children wearing Croc style indoor shoes which is perfectly acceptable, but not as footwear in a P.E. lesson. Please ensure that your child does not arrive at school wearing jewellery items and that footwear for P. E. consists of normal trainers/gym shoes (not platform converse shoes). Your support with this would be appreciated.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs start up again after the October holiday. Please look out for a separate email containing all the information you will require.

Medication in School

If your child requires medication to be administered by school staff the correct paperwork must be completed. Please call into the School Office to complete this. Medication cannot be administered without the necessary consent forms.

School Correspondence

All letters/information will be sent to parents via email/text message. Hard copies of anything will be sent via your child. Please ensure we have your current mobile number and email address, so you do not miss out on any important information. Please note that Seesaw and Teams should not be used for communicating absences/early collection times. This should be advised to the School Office.

Absence

If your child is going to be late or absent from school for any reason, please ensure you inform the School Office by 9am. Groupcall text messages are sent to parents for all unexplained absences. If you receive one of these text messages, please reply or call the school Office as soon as possible. Any child still not accounted for after 10.00 will be followed up.

School Annual Data Checks

Parents who are registered to use Parentsportal should have received an email asking them to sign in and double check the information we hold on file. Please ensure that you have done this.

Parents who have not yet registered will have also received an email with instructions on how to use this service. The link to register is <https://parentsportal.scot/home/> If you have any problems with this and need assistance, please call the Office.

Annual EE2

In order for your child to fully participate in outdoor learning and other local activities, please ensure you have completed the annual EE2. This is on the Parentsportal and takes a few minutes to complete. If you are unable to do this, please come into the Office to complete a paper copy.

Yours faithfully,

Gillian E Millar

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2 nd October	P7 Open Evening at Deans Community High School, 17.00 – 18.30
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent Consultations, 16.00 – 18.30 (Book Fair)
Wednesday 15 th October	Parent Consultations, 16.00 – 18.30 (Book Fair)
Friday 17 th October	End of Term
Monday 27 th October	Staff In-Service Day
Tuesday 28 th October	All resume
Wednesday 29 th October	Carmondean Committee Halloween Disco, more details to follow
Thursday 30 th October	P7 Open Evening at James Young High School, 18.15 – 20.30
Tuesday 4 th November	Carmondean Committee meeting, 16.00 via Teams