

CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 15

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Dear Families,

Transition

We will be in touch about transition once we have a plan in place. Recently we were given guidance on how this can be done and it also needs to be risk assessed. This will be for new ELC children starting in August and also for the new P1s in August.

Bus children

If your child travels on the bus we assume that this is the case each day. If there is going to be a change to this please let us know. If you know your plans for the week it would be good to know this at the start of the week. This could be done by email or phone call to the office. Sometimes children are unsure what they are doing so it can help us with this as well.

Reminders – extra INSET Day closure on Monday June 7th. End of term Friday 25th June **at 12 am**

Break time orders - For this week there was a trial for break time orders but these must be ordered in advance, the form comes out by email along with the lunch form, usually on a Thursday. We will continue this until the end of term.

Sport's Day – We are hoping to hold our Sport's Day for school on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th June. We will ensure that we take photos and share them with families due to not being allowed spectators. Please ensure that children have water bottles and appropriate clothing and footwear.

Sunny weather

If required, please ensure that your child has sun cream on before coming to school, possibly sun cream with them to reapply and also access to sunglasses/sunhats. For ELC children I have sent home an email to ask for permission to reapply sun cream however I have a few who need to fill this out.

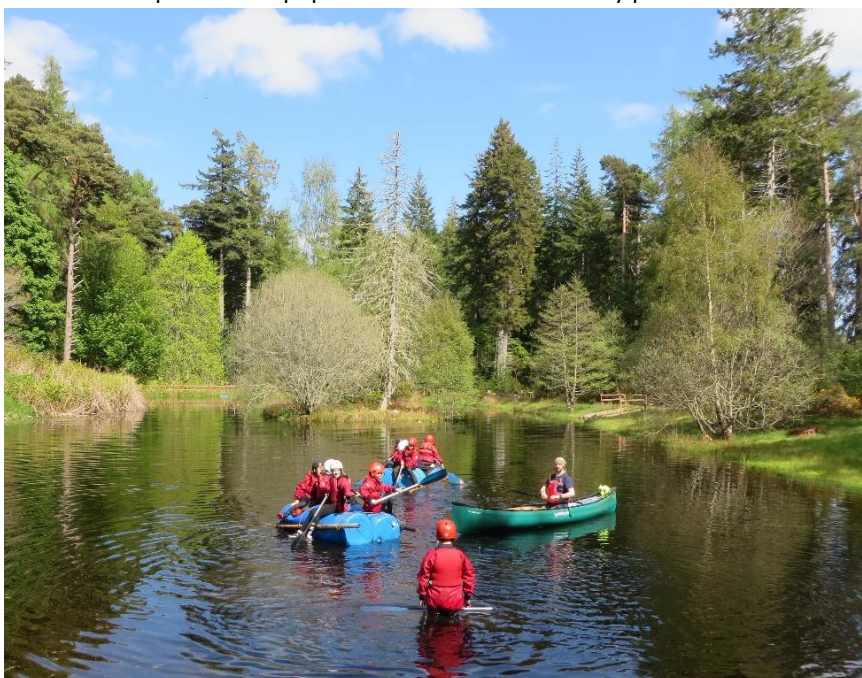
Rainy weather

As the canopy cannot keep every child dry in wet weather and some children will choose to go out in the rain we will be more careful about our rules for weather such as this and give more options for being able to stay in. Please ensure that your child always has spare clothes in school for any eventualities.

Restrictions - It is not expected that there will be any further easing of restrictions in school before summer

Reports – Children's reports and Learner's Statements will be sent out by email before the end of term.

P7 Trip to Fairburn - The children had a great day trip to Fairburn and I am so glad we were able to put his on with the current restrictions. The centre also praised the pupils which made me feel very proud.



Newspaper article

Unfortunately, a newspaper decided to imply we would have left a child behind on their own if they developed any COVID-19 symptoms whilst at the centre but clearly this would never be the case! It also misled people to believe that Lateral Flow Tests can be used if someone develops symptoms but I need to clarify this as the previous guidance still applies. **If your child develops symptoms the whole household must isolate and a PCR test must be arranged.**

Positive Relationships Questionnaire Results

<u>Positive Relationships Spot-check (May 2021)</u>		<u>P4 -7 children</u>		
Question	Total	Yes	%	No
Do you feel safe in school?	30	29	97%	1
Do you know what to do if you do not feel safe in school?	30	30	100%	0
<u>BULLYING</u>				
*Bullying can be done in lots of different ways but it can make you feel helpless, frightened, worried, etc.				
*This would be a person or people making you feel this way a lot of times, not just once or twice.				
*Bullying is when people want to make you feel that way and keep doing it to you.				
Is there bullying in Canisbay School at the moment?	30	1	3%	29
Have you been bullied <u>in this school year</u> ?	30	0	0%	30
Have <u>you</u> taken part in bullying in <u>this school year</u> ?	30	0	0%	30
If you reported that a friend was being bullied, do you feel that this would be sorted out by the school and its staff?	30	30	100%	0
<u>Follow up</u>				
Follow up with any individuals who feel they do not feel safe or have indicated an issue.				
Very good results so no other follow up required				

Best Start Grant

I have been asked to issue this information about the Best Start Grant. Please see below.

The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 payment made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1.

*It is open to people who **get tax credits or certain benefits** and are a parent or carer of a child born between **between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017**. People are encouraged to apply online at mygov.scot/beststart or by calling 0800 182 2222. If eligible you can also apply for Scottish Child Payment and other Best Start Grant payments at the same time.*

Training from The Pines

Virtual Pines Session with Karen Kelbie from Thriving Families and Alison Footitt from the National Autistic Society is on Thursday 24th June 2021. Chromebooks are integral to school and home-school life for many pupils, but as the parent or carer of a child with additional needs, do you really know how to support your child to get the most from this technology? Join us this morning to see how you can help, and increase your own knowledge. The session will be led by Robert Quigley from the Highland Council ICTiLearning (Education Improvement Team).

The session will run on Microsoft Teams, and is easy to join from a computer or mobile device, you don't need to speak if you would sooner not, or have your camera on. Parents & Carers [Click Here](#) to book. Professionals [Click Here](#) to book.

Kind Regards, The Pines Team

P7 only section

P7 Transition

The P7 children have now had their visit from a guidance teacher.

Rural Schools Transition

The children from the Wick ASG rural schools will all be visiting Wick High School on Tuesday 8th June (next week).

- They must wear their own mask for the entire visit and also for the time on the bus.
- Rural schools will be split into groups however Canisbay will be with one or two other schools. There will be mitigations in place for this through masks wearing and testing however the groups will also stay apart.
- They will leave school at 9:30, arrive for 10 and then leave at 12 or earlier so we will be back by lunch time.
- Travelling on a hired minibus along with Mrs Reid
- It is an inset day for the High School so there will be no high school children in WHS
- Take a snack and drink with them.
- Lateral Flow testing – this is optional and information has been emailed out by Mrs Steven if you wish your child to take part in this for these visits.

Full Transition Days

- 22nd and 23rd June (last week) – plans are going ahead for the in person main transition days and these will be treated as a normal High School days where the children hopefully travel in on the high school bus (still to be

confirmed) and then spend the full days in high school and return on the normal HS bus. If you do not know the times for the bus or the collection point please let me know.

Outward bound activity session for P7 – reminder

I provided this information on the last newsletter along with a letter about the event. Here is a reminder.

P7 are receiving a 2 hour session in school from the Outward Bound Trust. This has been sourced from Scottish Government COVID Funding and will be delivered to every P7 in Highland during school hours. Our session is due to take place on Wednesday June 9th in the afternoon in Keiss School grounds. A packed lunch will be needed on this day. The P7s from Keiss and Bower will also be attending. Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities.

Date: Wednesday 9th June Location: Keiss School Grounds

Time: 12:30-2:30 (we'll leave school at 12 and be collected from Keiss at 2:40 to get back in time for the end of the day)

Thank you
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Canisbay School

Additional Contact Details

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I can be contacted in either school at any time.

Tuesday and Thursday in Canisbay, Monday and Wednesday in Castletown and usually both schools on a Friday.