



**CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 6**  
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We are a  
nut free  
school.

Dear Families,

**World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

We would love it if children could bring in their favourite book or a picture of their favourite book to school on World Book Day. There will be activities done in school to celebrate this day, which celebrates 25 years.

**Caithness Music Festival 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Caithness Music Festival is returning this year.

Poems and the full syllabus have been added to the Community Events page on the **Castletown website** [www.castletownprimary.wordpress.com](http://www.castletownprimary.wordpress.com) website (this just saved me doing a job twice). If you are interested in doing this with your child, please have a look at the poem for their age category. If you have any problems accessing the poems please get in touch with the school office. They are also available on the Caithness Music Festival Facebook page. The closing date for all entries **to the school office** is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

As in previous years, families who wish their child to be entered for a poem recital, solo or instrument piece, etc. will be asked to send their entries to school with the money. The school will then submit the entries altogether. For all individual entries you must ensure your child is prepared at home and also make arrangements for them to attend the festival. There will be no school transport or supervision arranged for individual activities. Please complete the following Google Form, for each entry, by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March with payment £4 per single junior entry. <https://forms.gle/7sTeXhLHcTNjYsQ57> (copy and paste in the browser if the link doesn't work)

**End of Day Collection of Children**

Could parents please keep the school informed about any changes to end of day arrangements for bus pupils. Best practice is to arrange this for the full week but we understand that sometimes there can a last minute change.

**School Lunch Orders**

There have been a few occasions, in school and nursery, where a school lunch has been ordered but the child then has a packed lunch resulting in the school. We would really like to ensure we don't waste food and money.

**School Uniform**

We will be reintroducing house points soon and wearing school uniform is part of this. Please check if your child has enough school tops. This will start after the Easter holidays.

**Charger for Chromebooks**

We are short of about 7 Chromebook chargers in school so I think this must have been when they all went home in the second Lockdown and it would be from the current P2-5 pupils. I am not sure if the chargers were checked back in when devices were returned. Can I please ask that you look at home for these and return any that are found. This shows what they look like, there are 2 possible types.



### **Best Start Grant School Age Payment – closes 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

I have been asked to further advertise this payment, which is £252.50 and is to help balance the costs around the time children are first old enough to go to school. Applications close on 28 February 2022 for children born between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017.

<http://mygov.scot/beststart>

<https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-to-apply>



**P7 Reminder** - your child's transport application for High School must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/12/school\\_transport](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/12/school_transport)

### **Go Run – Active Highland**



More information on this is provided at the this link

<https://www.highlifehighland.com/sport/high-life-highland-virtual-running-event/>

### **School Aims**

We are going to be reviewing our school aims and would really like your input. These are our current school aims.

We aim to:

- Encourage a sense of belonging, pride and responsibility within the school and to have opportunities to make contributions.
- Provide an inclusive learning environment in which all children feel motivated, successful, valued and supported.
- Ensure individual needs are recognised and met and children have their personal achievements celebrated.
- Enable all children to become confident individuals by providing relevant opportunities and responsibilities within the school setting.
- Welcome and encourage partnerships with parents and the wider community to support children's learning.
- Present opportunities to access global citizenship activities to develop an understanding of different beliefs and cultures in Scotland and beyond.
- Promote the health and wellbeing of everyone in the school community.

- Ensure equal opportunities for all and uphold racial equality.
- Value the contribution that all staff make to the school by involving everyone in evaluations and solution finding for future improvements.
- Ensure children have the opportunities to direct their own learning and to engage in self-evaluation.
- Develop awareness and a sense of responsibility for environmental issues locally and globally

If you would like to answer the following questions or put yourself forward to do more work on this, please complete the Google Form. It will be available until the Easter holidays. If you have issues opening the link, from within the newsletter, try copying it and pasting it straight into the browser.

<https://forms.gle/LHD4XQuxSafaz5ng6>

The 3 questions are:

- Is there anything in the current aims that you don't feel should be included?
- Is there any aspect of school life and learning that you feel is missing from the current aims and should therefore be included?
- Would you like to be part of a group to look at reviewing the feedback from pupils, families and staff and then help to finalise the revised aims?

**Our Vision and Values** are:

Vision –	Learning together to be the best we can be	(staff, pupils, parents and the community)
Values –	Respect      Inclusion      Challenge	Safety
	Responsibility   Independence   Confidence	Aspiration

Thank you  
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I plan to be Tuesday and Thursday in Canisbay, Monday and Wednesday in Castletown and Friday can vary.

Active Schools Events

[www.facebook.com/WickActiveSchools/](http://www.facebook.com/WickActiveSchools/)

please keep an eye on this site or go the Highlife Highland website in order to see activities on offer in our area.