



CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 4

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Dear Families,

School Photos – School photos will take place in the month of January.

National Discussion on Scottish Education – Parents and Carers

I had hoped to have a group discussion for anyone who wanted to join but time has run away with me, so please accept my apologies. The survey closes on 5th December but there is still time to participate and you can do an individual response using the link below.

'Please use [this survey](#) to tell us your hopes and ideas for the future vision of Scottish education.

The time has come for a new national discussion on education, one which will give everyone the chance to have their voice heard. We're inviting everyone who has an interest in the future of our education system: children and young people, parents and carers, practitioners, and those in the wider Scottish community to pause, to reflect and to contribute to a future vision for Scottish education.

In the survey you will find 10 open questions about the future of education in Scotland.

You are welcome to reply to some or all of them.

What is important is that you have the chance to have your say and can reflect deeply on the topics that matter the most to you.

All responses will be independently analysed and used to set a vision for Scotland's future education.'

(Scottish Government)

Open Afternoon – I would like to thank our families for the super turn out that we had for the open afternoon. It was great seeing the children being able to show families around their classroom and the school again.

Parent Council – Minutes will continue to be made available on our website

<https://canisbayprimary.wordpress.com/>

Caithness KLICS

Please see the 'Your Police, Your Funding' site to vote for local projects.

Caithness KLICS have supported children in our school for many years and this is their project amongst others.

We have asked for funding for Art sessions through the dark winter months to encourage social engagement, reducing stress and help our Young Carers' wellbeing.

Please follow the link. In order to vote you have to register which is just by giving an email address and setting a password. You are then able to give stars to the different projects.

<https://ideas.scotland.police.uk/your-police-you-decide-caithness-public-vote#idea-count-container>

Tuck prices – I have been asked to share the following prices

Slice of toast and spread – 15p

Half bagel toasted with spread – 20p

Half piece of fruit – 20p

Full piece of fruit – 35p

Scone/Pancake – 25p

Christmas Events

Christmas Jumpers

Any day in December can be a Christmas Jumper Day. Wearing a Christmas jumper or top will still be counted as school uniform for house points.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14th December.

- Christmas Lunch had to be booked on the lunch form for this week. If you did not do this but would still like to order please let us know before the end of this week. Cost is £2.30 for P6 and P7 children only.
- Christmas lunch is the only option for school lunch on that day.
- All children (present or not) will be included in my own personal school raffle drawn at the Christmas Lunch.



Lyth Arts Centre Show for ELC and P1-4 – Tuesday 13th December

On Tuesday 13th December the ELC and P1-4 will be attending a show in Lyth Arts Centre. They will be out of school from approximately 12:30-2:30. They will be travelling by bus with staff.

Lyth Arts will be refunding 80% of the bus costs and tickets will be paid from the school budget.

Christmas Concert - Tuesday 20^h December at 6:30pm in the Canisbay Community Hall

- Doors open for parents, children and the audience from **6:10pm**.
- Only helpers or Parent Council setting up for raffle will be allowed in before this time.
- No tickets are needed for the concert but there will be a donations box at the door.
- The Parent Council will also be selling raffle tickets at the entrance
- Most children will have their outfits at the hall to get changed there (if this is needed)
- Staff will get in touch with any specific requirements for their class
- Families should ensure that children are registered with the teacher or Early Years Practitioner. As soon as that is done you are free to get your seats. The P1-4 and ELC children will register in the Youth Club room, which is through the back of the small hall.
- Once registered, children need to stay with their class.
- Children need to wear flat shoes which will not make a noise on the stage for the show. Gym shoes from school will be taken up to the hall for that purpose.
- After the P1-4 and ELC classes have performed they will remain at the seating on the front row with members of staff, to watch the remainder of the concert.
- At the end of the concert, children will return to the place where they registered. They can then be collected from this area. It is important that the class teacher or Early Years Practitioners are told, so that your child can be ticked off the register.
- It is strongly recommended that no under 3s attend the concert however if you have no other option, please just be aware that if your child cries or is being very noisy it would really help us if they were taken away from the audience. The sound is not always great in the hall and any other sounds can mean that the play is not heard at all which I am sure you would agree would be a great shame for the children performing. Audience members have requested this in the past.
- All school and ELC children are expected to perform at the evening Christmas Concert so we ask you to confirm their attendance on this Google Form <https://forms.gle/ZsuiZxbrtBbtEtp8>

Photography:

The Highland Council policy on photography at school events remains the same as it has for the last few years. All families have given consent to their child to take part in activities which may be photographed and/or videoed.



Under no circumstances should any photography or recording, including any other children, be put on the internet (including Facebook) unless you have permission of the other child's family.

I hope to do a recording for us a school. I may, also be able to make this available to families in a simple format but I give no promises at this stage.

Cinema Trip - Thursday 22nd December

P1-7 will also be attending a trip to Thurso Cinema on this day. More details will follow but it is a morning viewing.

Thank you,

R Moodie, Headteacher, Canisbay School

Community Events

Active Schools Activities - <https://booking.highlifehighland.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Thurso-Active-Schools-1427681677462939/photos/pcb.3205171439713945/3205168693047553/>

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