



CANISBAY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER no. 7

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We are a
nut aware school!
Please do not give
your child any nut
products for school.

Dear Families,

Rural Schools Sport's Tournament – Tuesday 27th June

On this date the P5-7 class will be taking part in a tournament for hockey, netball and football with the other Wick Rural Schools. If your child will not be in school on this date it is really important that you let us know as this could significantly affect our team numbers and we are really tight for numbers.

This will be held in Noss School and we will be travelling by bus to the event with Mrs Starbuck. They will be out of school for most of the day, approximately 9:30 – 2:30.

Please ensure that they have snacks, drinks and suitable clothing. We recommend layers. It is also important to consider the weather in case children need waterproof coats, sun cream or sunhats or all of the above.

Caithness Food Bank

I have been set up as a referral agent to the Caithness Foodbank so if anyone feels they could benefit from this please let me know. The foodbank can provide help for people to get back on track and relieve some financial burden. It could be 3 parcels within a 6 month period. CAB (Citizen's Advice Bureau) and PPP (Pulteneytown People Project) are also referral agents as well as some other organisations. This assistance is not means tested and you do not need to be on benefits. You might have found you need this, due to an unexpected financial burden. Thurso or Wick collections are arranged by the team, once I provide your family details. They can take dietary needs into account and also take requests for some items needed such as nappies, toiletries, etc. Please get in touch with me directly if you would like me to refer your family for this support.

Reminder – Term Dates, Holidays and Inservice Days

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

Tues 15th Aug is the first day back for children. The above link takes you to a list for next year and there is also a handy printable calendar.

End of Year Reports

Children will bring home their reports home tomorrow and within the envelope you will also find a response sheet per child. Please return these as soon as possible, we need these as confirmation that you have seen the report. We also use them to review the comments provided. I have also attached the parent guidance for reports to the email.

Transition to new classes

Next session we will continue to have 2 classes. They will be the same as this year:

P1-4 Mrs Dunnett

P5-7 Mrs Starbuck

On Friday 23rd June, children will have a short time in their new classes.

Staffing Changes

It was Mrs L Davidson's last day today and Miss Miller will also be moving on at the end of term. I would like to thank both of them for their hard work and commitment to Canisbay School and wish them luck for their next steps. Hopefully we can get Mrs Davidson back in for Developing the Young Workforce to tell us about starting a new business.

Last day of term

On the last day, Thurs. 29th June we close at 12 noon. The bus has also been changed to this time. Due to the early finish, I must offer the opportunity to book a packed lunch as a take-away on this last day if your child currently receives a lunch free of charge. If you would like to order this, please let me know directly by Monday 19th June.

Uniform

Please don't forget to order your uniform items for next year and if you qualify for the clothing allowance please make use of it as the form should now be available in the Highland Council website. £140 per year per child is

available for school age children. <https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/899/schools-grants-and-benefits/10/free-school-meals-and-assistance-with-clothing>

We will continue to do regular checks for uniforms next session. We have seen a good improvement but we still have some more improvements to make.

Sport's Day

Thank you for the great attendance at Sport's Day, it all went very smoothly and thankfully we had a slight breeze and some very fine cloud cover at times. I am certainly glad it did not take place on any other day this week. Thank you so much for all of the furniture and resources that were magically tidied up at the end. It was such a great help and much appreciated

End of Term Assembly

We will be going back to the Canisbay Kirk for our end of term assembly and it will take place on Thursday 29th June as close to 10:00 as possible. The P1-7 children and ELC will walk together to the church. Families are welcome to join us.

Swimming Sessions

In the second week back the P5-7 class along with the P4 children will be attending Wick Swimming pool for swimming sessions. I just thought I would give a heads up in case you need to get any swimwear ordered or if you want to do some confidence sessions in the pool with your children over the summer.

Thank you,

R Moodie, Headteacher, Canisbay School

Community Events

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

Lyth Arts Centre Events - <https://lytharts.org.uk/events/>

Library – Summer Reading Challenge <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Please see the above link to see how you can join the summer reading challenge connected to your local library.

Legends of Caithness <https://sidhchailleannart.com/>

Please see the attached poster but this link also takes you to the information about children's workshops on July 4th. I have also copied a section below.

Workshops designed for young children (ages 0-6, and 6-11). Exhibition running from Monday 3rd - Saturday 15th July and will be family-friendly and inclusive space.

The workshops will be led by Jane Mather, a Scottish Storytelling Directory Storyteller since 2011. For the younger session - introducing the children to stories of figures of Caithness folklore, as well as crafting story sticks with them in order to boost engagement and creativity.

Older session - fun session introducing the children to stories of selkies and mermaids, and afterwards having them work together to write and present their own magical stories!

Other activities shared directly with school are also shared by email.