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## Cuiken Call Out February 2026

Welcome to our February Cuiken Call Out.

We have been super busy at school since we returned following Christmas and our learners have returned positively and have settled back into their learning well.

Our February dates are here and we will continue to update families of any changes via Seesaw.

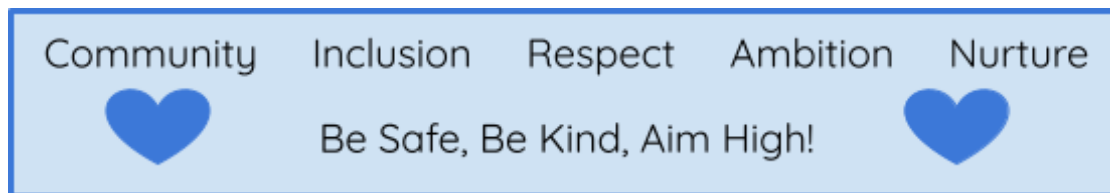
We break on Friday 13th for our February week and return to school on Monday 23rd February.

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday when it comes.

**Staffing Update** - We are delighted to welcome Miss Rennie this week as a Learning Assistant in the Cuiken Nest. We have been lucky to have the support of Miss Walsh, Miss McCormack and Mrs Peaker whilst both Ms Wilson and Mrs Maguire have been absent from the Nest.

We also interviewed recently for our mainstream teacher maternity leave posts and a Support for Learning teacher. Ms Ciska will be moving into P1 when Miss Duncan begins her maternity leave at the end of February and we have appointed Miss Hanlon who will take over from Miss Pelosi (2 days) at the end of March. Mrs Gillies has been appointed as the P3 teacher and will take up her post just after the Easter holidays when Mrs Hutton begins her leave. We have also successfully appointed a Support for Learning Teacher. Mrs Lane will start with us just after the February break.

Staffing has been a priority for myself in recent weeks and we have worked hard as a team to minimise disruption for learners whilst we fully recruit.



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The distribution of house points at Cuiken PS is going well. Learners are awarded house points for demonstrating our school values above. The new House Point reward tubes are here and learners can now see how their house is doing.

We continue to focus on positive behaviour and positive choices and we hope house points will support us in re-enforcing positive messages. It would help us if these values were discussed at home too whilst we work hard to embed in school.

Thank you to the House Captain learning group who have supported us to get the house points up and running - we couldn't have done it without you!

**Additional Support Needs** - In the last few Cuiken Call Outs, I have tried to raise awareness of ASD, ADHD and Dyslexia.

This month, I attach a leaflet on Anxiety. This is an emotion that impacts many of our learners. I hope you find this useful.

Inclusion is key to the culture and ethos we look to create here at Cuiken. We must be mindful of all the needs of our children as we work tirelessly to support them all.



**Happy Birthday** - We would like to wish Miss Hancock a happy special birthday. We celebrated in school with learners at Assembly and with staff at the end of the day. She had a fantastic day and wanted to thank both the learners and staff for making it so special.

**Class Assemblies** - Since we returned, we have been lucky enough to enjoy two class assemblies. P4 shared their learning about mythological creatures and P7 delivered their assembly with a Burns focus. It is always lovely when classes share their learning with the school and thank you to all the families who have come along too to show their support - it means so much to the children.

**Recent Visit** - We have recently had a visit to the school by Midlothian Council's central team to observe Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion. A number of strengths were highlighted and we have also identified some next steps for the school to take forward in this respect. A copy of the report is still awaited.

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**Parking** - Parking continues to be an issue for us here at Cuiken. We have had a number of our neighbours complain to us. Please can I ask everyone to work together to keep our learners safe and our neighbours happy by parking appropriately at all times. The school car park is for Midlothian and school staff only and should not be used for drop offs. We thank you for your continued support.

**Cuiken Terrace** - Please be aware that footway resurfacing works will be carried out on Cuiken Terrace from Monday 16th February for approximately 3 weeks. Please plan accordingly.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

**Rosslyn Chapel - Wednesday 4th February** - P5/6 will be visiting Rosslyn Chapel.

**Parent Partnership Meeting - Wednesday 4th February (evening)** - This meeting is online and is open to all our families - you would be most welcome. This is a good opportunity to hear more about what is going on in school and how you can support. Please contact the school office if you wish us to share the joining instructions.

**Nest Assembly - Thursday 5th February** - It is the turn of our Nest learners to present their learning to the school at assembly. .

**P7 Rotary Quiz - Thursday 5th February** - We will be represented by four of our learners at the annual Rotary Quiz where we will compete against the other local primary schools. Best of luck team!

**P6 and P7 Penicuik Learners - Thursday 12th February** - This is our second meeting of the session with learners from Cornbank PS and Strathesk PS as part of our transition to high school work. This will take place at Strathesk PS this time and will once again be led by our colleagues from Penicuik HS.

**February Break - Friday 13th February** - We break for a week on Friday 13th February. Learners return to school on Monday 23rd February.

**Rosslyn Chapel - Tuesday 24th February** - P7 will be visiting Rosslyn Chapel.

**P4-7 Community Champions - Tuesday 24th February PM** - Our next visit to Strathesk PS for our four community champions takes place on this day. The focus for the champions is sustainability.

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Thank you once again for your continued support.

Lynsey Stevenson and the Team Cuiken!