



January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Pupils

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Welcome to the Spring Term and very best wishes for 2019.

Spring Term Diary Dates

Listed below are some of the diary dates for this term.

<p>January 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th, 25th Tues 22nd, 29th, 5th Feb, 12th Friday 25th</p> <p>February Friday 1st Wednesday 6th Thursday 7th Thursday 7th Friday 15th Thu 21st, Fri 22nd Monday 25th</p> <p>March Thursday 7th Friday 8th Friday 8th Friday 15th Friday 22nd</p> <p>April Wednesday 3rd Friday 5th Monday 8th – Mon 22nd April</p>	<p>P4 age Swimming Lessons CDHS Young Leaders – P7 Rugby and P4/5 Multi-Sports Achievement Assembly</p> <p>PTA – Family Quiz 6:30pm. Teams of up to 5 - £5 per team. Learning Conversations (Private Appointments) with Teachers Learning Conversations (Private Appointments) with Teachers P6/7 and P7 – Day of Dance activities. P5/6 Robert the Bruce Hillwalk School closed - Mid-Term Holiday and Staff In-Service Training Days School Photographer – individuals and family groups.</p> <p>P4 Viking Walk – Gatehouse P3 Threave Gardens Activity Day P5/6 Assembly P2 and P2/3 Assembly – Sport Relief Achievement Assembly</p> <p>P5 Mary Queen of Scots Hillwalk - Carsphairn End of Term Spring Holiday (Summer Term begins Tuesday 23rd April)</p>
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School Car Park

A reminder that there should be no parking outwith designated bays. It is very difficult for the school to manage this without your support and I would ask that all families respect the above policy.

Spring Term – Learning Targets

Pupils and staff have been reviewing last term’s learning targets and are preparing new learning targets for Maths, Language and Health and Wellbeing for this term. A copy will be sent home by the end of January. Previous targets are stored in your child’s Achievement Folder which is available to see at any time – please contact your child’s teacher.

Learning Conversations

This session we are holding our Learning Conversations (private appointments) at the mid-point of the school year. A reply slip is being sent home with the eldest pupil in each family asking for families to let us know whether there is a preference for early or later evening times. Please do return this slip by 25th January and we will do our best to allocate convenient time(s).

P4-6 Pupils - Residential Payments

A reminder that payments can be made towards future Carlinwgark (P6 year) and Kingswood Visits (P7 year) if families wish to ‘bank’ regular payments which are held in School Fund.

For current P6 (Sep 2018 Kingswood Visit) all initial deposits of £40 should please be paid by 25th January. Please send in money in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it to the school office.



Please do let us know of any Wider Achievement stories (events and activities children take part in out of school) and also any community news that we can share.



Castle Douglas Primary School

Keep up to date with news and events on our website - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/cdps/>
Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/cdpschool> and School app <jsa4.me/castledouglasps>

Sharing Learning - Class Learning Contexts – January to March

Each term our classes chose a context to provide learning opportunities across all curricular areas. All classes will be involved in **Scots Language / Scotland mini-topics in January** and move on to the context(s) listed below.

Ideas for the contexts are very welcome e.g. possible visits, people who could be invited in to the school to work with a class, photographs, books, etc. If you have any thoughts about the topics please do let us know by sending in a note or email (gw08officecastle@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

Class	Learning Context	Main Curricular Focus
P1a and P1b	My Local Community / Recycling	Social Studies / Science, Health and Wellbeing
P2 and P2/3	Night and Day and Book study – The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.	Science and Literacy
P3 and P3/4	Living Things – Woodland Local Environment	Science and Social Studies
P4	Vikings	History
P4/5	Scotland – Geography and Landmarks	Social Studies - Geography
P5	Mary Queen of Scots	History
P5/6	Robert the Bruce / Wars of Independence	History
P6	Space	Science
P6/7	World War 2 and Employment – Job Fair	History / Health and Wellbeing
P7	Energy / India	Science / Social Studies - Geography

Sharing Learning – Maths Home Activities.

We are continuing to develop maths home learning activities on our school website. We will let families know shortly what activities are available to support this term’s class learning.

If you use any websites and/or apps for home learning please do let the school know so that we can share them with other families.

Thank you
David Tyson
Headteacher



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