



2/7/20

WORKING TOGETHER LEARNING TOGETHER

Dear All

Well we have all made it!!! What a very different time this has been for us all. Huge well done to everyone for all you have done and for staying strong and getting through this difficult time. You have all done a remarkable job and you should all be very proud. We will talk about this in 10 years time and look back on it with mixed emotions. So to finish this term a few special thank yous....

- A huge well done to all the pupils for being so hard working and resilient and coping so well with all these unexpected changes. You have done yourself proud and we can't wait to see you all back in school in August.
- A huge well done to all parents, carers and other family members for your continued support and for all your hard work with home learning. This has taken many of you out of your comfort zone and we thank you for everything you have done. You should also be proud of all you have achieved.
- A huge thank you to all the staff for going above and beyond to ensure you and your children have been supported during this time. You will agree working from home is not the way forward. What a team!!!
- A huge thank you to all those staff members who have helped out in the hub from Cargenbridge and from other schools, for looking after our school so well for us and for making a positive impact on those children and families using the hub.
- A huge well done in particular to our P7 pupils who are moving on to new challenges in their chosen Secondary School. You have been such a fab P7 group and you will be missed by staff and pupils. It is such a shame that your P7 year ended like this. We will be holding a special leavers celebration for you as soon as we can in the school as we can't let you leave without the send off you deserve. We know you are all ready for the new challenges Secondary School will bring. We know you will all wish them good luck.

Returning to School

This week you should have received information on the following:-

- Which 2 days your child will be in school if our contingency 2 day model is followed if needed in August. You should also know what your drop off and pick up times are too.
- A set of Frequently Asked Questions which gives more detail about what the 2 day Contingency Plan model will look like and what you need to do.
- Information on which other children are in the same class as your child. Remember this is for your own use and should not be shared with anyone else.
- At this stage we do not know anymore about what the return will look like in August if it is a full return for us all. As detailed in the letter from Gillian Brydson we will not know any more information until the end of July. We will therefore communicate this information to you during the holidays as soon as we can. You will probably see some of this information yourself in the press at the same time as we do.

- There is a small chance that the first week back (12th – 14th Aug) may be used for transition with all children spending a shorter period of time in school in smaller groups to settle everyone back in. This would then mean that the whole school would start back on 17th August. We will confirm as soon as we can if this will happen or whether all children will start back from 12th August. I am so sorry we can't give any more details on the full return before the holidays. It may also be that we use some of the features of the 2 day model in the full return model too. So many ifs and buts... I hope I am not confusing you!!! Thank you for your patience and understanding during this uncertain and ever changing time.
- We hope you have enjoyed all the slideshows of home learning. Thanks again to Mrs B for doing these. There are a couple of last special slideshows to come for a special group of children. Can we just remind you that these slideshows should not be shared with anyone else. Thank you.
- We welcome Miss Humphries to the staff team who will be teaching P4 next year, Miss Weir, Miss Scott, Miss S Little and Mrs Marshall who will all be new members of the Nursery Team. A huge thank you to Miss Lytham who leaves us today. You will be missed by all staff, parents and children. Thank you for everything you have done. Any other updates will be shared with you after the holidays.
- Thank you to Mrs Collins for covering Mrs Elliott's maternity leave. She has been supporting P3/4 so well with their online learning. Such a shame she hasn't been able to actually be in school. Mrs Collins will continue to help us out in the school in the future.

As this term comes to an end please rest assured we will keep you up to date with any information over the holidays. We cannot get access into schools in July so we are all going to try and have a well deserved rest before we know what the new guidance is for a full return in August. Thank you all again for everything you do for the school. Fingers crossed the sun comes back and we can all enjoy being out and about in Dumfries and Galloway. Have a lovely time with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in August. #Proud.

Take care, stay safe and be kind.

Regards

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