



# Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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## Mrs Watson says...

Another great week at Cargenbridge. We are all very proud of how well our pupils have settled back into school and with all the new arrangements in place. Thank you also for all your support through this difficult time. Any queries or concerns please contact the school.

## Update on Staffing

Just to let you know Miss Thomas will finish at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for all she has done for us in the time she has been with us. We will miss you and I am sure you will wish her well.

I am pleased to you inform that Mrs Elliott will be take over Miss Thomas's post of working in all the classes, P2/3 for a day and P5/6 for 2 days. Staff will meet up to ensure this transition is smooth for everyone.

## AGM

Skype meeting at 6pm on 5th October. In the mail drop today you will find a letter about this inviting you all and asking for a return if you wish to join us at our Skype AGM. Please return this as soon as you can so we can make plans and send out a link so you can join us.

## Waterproof Coats

This week we have been very lucky with the weather but we know how changeable it can be, so please make sure everyone brings a waterproof coat with them to school each day. Thank you.

## Update on COVID

Some of you may be aware that there has been a positive case in another Dumfries Primary school where a pupil has tested positive for Covid. It is felt that children are at a lesser risk of catching it but this case has highlighted the fact that they can still get it, even although symptoms may be milder and they can also be carriers. So please continue to be vigilant and err on the side of caution about whether your child should attend school or not if they are poorly.

Also a wee gentle reminder for parents and children not to queue to get into school in the morning as this means that children from different classes could mix. Also please remember not to mingle and chat in the playground at pick up.

Thanks for your support.

## Reporting to Parents

This term we would normally have an Open Evening where you would be invited into school with your child to look at your child's work and to informally chat with the teacher. There would also be an opportunity to make a short appointment if you wanted to chat to the teacher in more depth after the open evening. Unfortunately this cannot happen this year. We are in the process of planning how we can do this differently, through a class newsletter and an opportunity for staff to either speak to you on the phone or communicate to you by email with an update on how your child has been getting on this term. More information to follow.

## Use of Technology Agreement

In the mail drop today is a new Agreement form for you and your child to read and sign. Apologies as I know you have had something similar already but this is a new form from the Authority. Please return this as soon as possible. Please note there are 2 parts to complete and sign, Appendix 1(a) and 1(b). Thank you.

## FRIDAY MAIL DROP

1. AGM letter
2. Use of Technology Agreement



## Maths Week

Week beginning 28th September is Maths Week Scotland. During this week we will be working with the children on activities to motivate them about maths. A huge thank you to Mrs Campbell who has secured some funding to buy some new maths games/kits for across the school. These will be introduced to the children during this week along with some other activities. There is also a Sumdog Competition starting next Friday (25th Sept) for all to take part in at home.

## PE

P6/7, P5/6 and P4 are now having a second PE day. So it would be helpful if P6/7 and P4 could come to school also on a **Tuesday** wearing their PE clothes and P5/6 on a **Thursday**. The PE the other classes are doing on top of a Friday can be done in their school uniform. **Friday is still a PE day**. Thank you.

## Homework

All parents should have heard about homework for their child either through a letter or by email. If you have not received this information then please contact your child's teacher for this information. Thanks.

## School Improvement Plan

Normally this term we would send home a copy of the school Improvement plan. Last year's plan has been carried forward so we are continuing to work on this along with the recommendations from our recent Education Scotland Inspection. A brief summary of what we are going to be working on will be shared with you before the end of term.