



Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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WORKING TOGETHER LEARNING TOGETHER

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Mrs Watson says.....

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2021 to you all. Not the start we had hoped for but the most important thing is we all stay safe and healthy. Please all look after yourselves and be kind to yourself and each other.

Some of you may have come across Charlie Mackesy who has been creating some lovely images with quotes

"Those are dark clouds" said the boy.

"Yes, but they will move on" said the horse. "The blue sky above never leaves"

Try and remember this when things are tough and you are having a not so good day. Remember it is alright just to have an ok day! As always we are all here to help in whatever way we can. We know you all want the very best for your children, but it is important to stress that during this time we are not expecting you to be teachers and we understand that many of you will be juggling work, childcare and maybe caring for other family members too. Please just do what you can. As before our mental health and wellbeing is crucial and is still a priority. Lockdown in winter is very different to the last time so ensure everyone gets as much daylight as possible, so get out and about daily. Communication is vital so please keep in touch with the class teacher and myself in order for us to support you as best we can. If anyone wishes to speak with me about anything please phone the school and we can catch up at a convenient time. I am in school most days .

Online Learning

We will be constantly reviewing the work we are providing the children to ensure it gives enough choice and is varied for you and the children and is sustainable. I am sure you will understand we cannot replicate in school learning in style or delivery. We are doing our very best under challenging circumstances to ensure your child has appropriate learning to do. This is very difficult as we know everyone has different home and work circumstances.

We will pilot some live sessions on Teams with some individual children and classes to see how this works and this will start with a class meet with P6/7 and Mrs Watson and Miss Mawer next Friday morning. More information to be shared about this.

Free School Meals

We know at this current time personal circumstances may change. If anyone now needs to claim for free school meals or a clothing grant then please do so as you are entitled to it. Here is the link to the form which should be completed. Those in receipt of free school meals are currently still receiving payment/vouchers for these.

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Childcare Hubs

We hopefully will know a little more about the timescale of this lockdown after another review by the Government on 18th January. Those who are using the school for childcare should have contacted the school to let us know the days you need. Any queries about this please phone the school or email the office email address. If you are due in the hub and will not be in please inform the school as you would normally do. Face coverings should still be worn when dropping off and picking up.

Thanks

Newsletter

In order to keep in touch while the children are not in school we will send home a weekly newsletter/email in order to keep in touch. Please make sure you all read this to keep up to date.

Resources

We are aware during lockdown the last time we issued everyone with a jotter and some pencils etc. This time we were not able to do this. If anyone needs any jotters, paper or pencils etc please contact the school office and we can arrange for you to pick things up from the school.

Sumdog

The next Dumfries and Galloway Sumdog Maths Contest runs between 15th and 21st of Jan. All classes have been signed up for this so lets see how well we can do? Good luck

Special Achievements

We are aware some of you are taking this time to focus on learning and developing new skills . If your children have participated in something new which has taught them new skills then let us know. Well done to Erin in P2/3 and Blair in P6/7 for attending an online first aid course for children.

Great life skills. Here is the link, it is worth doing:-

[https://www.facebook.com/minifirstaid/posts/2980560222166124?_cft__\[0\]=AZVdtZ7zg49Sr-hye5UW1bJpBnr7qJbxjWICC1msU760i42fIGPvKW_maV-f-V9USdG0_hYcldZLDLJlhew5n-6Ys9eEC03NQY_a8CgchvMkk-yhBcRHQs2mZSgKMzH2wErDjo-NEddS_U-qd53DNzARTN69oT32COBQBnfQ9h3duFWShjGIVPFNK15y6x3vAWvFLW8eZ6PX-aMXkHigJGTIB&tn=-UK-R](https://www.facebook.com/minifirstaid/posts/2980560222166124?_cft__[0]=AZVdtZ7zg49Sr-hye5UW1bJpBnr7qJbxjWICC1msU760i42fIGPvKW_maV-f-V9USdG0_hYcldZLDLJlhew5n-6Ys9eEC03NQY_a8CgchvMkk-yhBcRHQs2mZSgKMzH2wErDjo-NEddS_U-qd53DNzARTN69oT32COBQBnfQ9h3duFWShjGIVPFNK15y6x3vAWvFLW8eZ6PX-aMXkHigJGTIB&tn=-UK-R)