



Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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Mrs Watson says....

A huge welcome back to everyone and we hope you all had a lovely summer? We are pleased to say that all the children and staff have all settled back into school well. All our new starts in school and Nursery have done so well and are coping so well with getting to know all the new routines and new people. A special welcome to Mrs Mahon who joins us as P2/3 teacher and to Mrs Law who will be back with us on a Friday for PE. A special welcome to Ms Munro in the Nursery too. The Newsletter will continue to be issued fortnightly by email on a Friday. This newsletter is very important as it shares dates and important information, so please ensure you read this and keep any information safe for you to refer to. If there is any mail drop this will be sent home on a Friday. Please check school bags. The term dates we have so far are below, some more may be added. In this first newsletter of the year there are lots of reminders.

Health Promoting School

We do expect every child to come to school with **water** in a suitable water bottle. The children can drink this throughout the day. We also expect **snacks to be healthy** - such as fruit or raw veg, yoghurt, etc, no crisps, sweets or chocolate biscuits. In relation to packed lunches, everyone deserves a treat but please try to limit the amount of sugary food included in the packed lunch. We are a health promoting school and we want to ensure what our pupils eat and drink do not effect their focus and concentration during learning time. **Remember we are a nut free school. No food with any type of nut should be brought into school. Also no fizzy drinks are allowed.** Thank you for your support.

Sickness and Diarrhoea Bugs/Illness

Reminder that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this. This is to help stop the spread of this bug. If your child is poorly in any way then the best place for them is at home, please keep them off school until they are better. Thanks

Sign A Long

Last year we introduce all the children to Sign A Long as another form of communication in school and this can also be used out with school too. Please ask your child to teach you what they have learned so far.

Special Dietary Requirements

If your child has a special diet they need to follow due to medical issues or cultural background, then forms need to be completed. These can be collected from the office.

School Lunches

Update on school lunches. We are part of the online payment and ordering system for School dinners. Parents can order on line but Mrs Rogerson is still going around the classes each morning to take orders as necessary. Parents can either pay through this online payment system or still in cash to the school. **P1 parents will receive a letter about how to register with this. The introduction of free school meals for P6 and P7 by the Government has unfortunately still been delayed. So P6 and P7 pupils still need to pay. If due to a change of circumstances you may be entitled to free school meals and clothing grants so please look on the council website for information.**

P1 Parent Information Session

P1 parents are invited to attend an information session with Mrs Elliott on **Monday 11th September at 2pm**. We hope to see you all then. A letter about this in the mail-drop today.

After School Clubs

We hope that these can get up and running again soon. Look out for information coming soon.

PE days

All children should come to school in their PE clothes on a **Friday** and the following days for the classes **Monday P3/4**
Tuesday P2/3 and P1
Wednesday P4/5/6 and P6/7

No football colours should be worn as part of their PE clothes.

School Uniform

We do pride ourselves in our children coming to school dressed smartly in their school uniform. On non PE days children should come to school wearing their uniform. No sports tops or brands should be worn as part of this. The school black hoodies with the school badge or plain black hoodies can be worn but not ones with other logos or brands on them. We are aware that school uniforms are costly, we do have some good quality pre loved uniform in school if this would be helpful to anyone. If so please contact the school. Please ensure all clothes are named.

Every child does need indoor shoes to change into for the classrooms and for indoor PE. If you need help providing these for your child please contact the school and we can help you out.

Coats to School

Scottish weather is very changeable as we know so please ensure your child brings a jacket with them to school each day. We do like to get them outside at breaks as much as we can.

Cycling to School

We do encourage children to cycle to school if you feel they are capable of doing so. If so they must wear a helmet and bikes can be stored in the bike shed. Please can you remind children that the bike shed is in the staff car park and therefore they should be very careful when crossing over into the playground as cars may be arriving at school, especially if they are unsupervised by an adult. Also all bikes should be pushed through the playground.
Thank you

Update forms

Your child should have brought home an envelope with data update forms.
Please complete these and return them as soon as you can. We need these to ensure our records are accurate.

Some Term Dates so farplease keep these safe. Any new dates will be added in red

11th Sept P1 Parent Information meeting 2pm
Week beginning 11th Sept Hands Up Survey Walk To School
14th Sept CPA Bingo
21st September Parent and Child Open Evening
25th September CPA AGM
11th October P6 and P7 NWCC Transition Visit 1.45pm
13th October Holidays
30th October Return to school

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Well Done

A huge well done to Mrs C for her Skydive on Sunday. Very brave and mad of you to do it. A huge thank you for raising money for the school and Nursery, it was so kind of you. We will let you know how much is raised and what this money will be used for.



Breakfast Club

This will continue each morning from **8.15-8.45**. The cost will be 75p per morning. This is held in the dining hall. The children should enter the hall via the door at the side of the hall in the staff car park. Please be careful when entering as staff may be arriving at school at this time. Children from Nursery can only attend Breakfast Club if they are with brothers or sisters from the school.

Celebration Cakes

In the past we have had children and parents who have very kindly handed in school cakes for children's birthdays to share with the class. Whilst this is extremely kind we would prefer if this did not happen as this can put pressure on all children to feel that they have to do this. Within this current climate we do not want to put added financial pressure on families to feel they have to do this. We celebrate birthdays in other ways in school. Many thanks for your support.

School Facebook Group

We have a school private facebook group which parents can join. This group gives lots of information and is a quick way to share information and celebrate our children's learning with you. For all those who are not members you can request to join by answering some questions. You can ask generic questions on this group but if there is anything personal please contact the school direct.

Car Park—Important Reminder - We have new intakes in Nursery and in school which has increased the amount of new car owners in the car park so it is important that everyone follows the following procedures:-

The car park is very busy at the start and end of the day so please follow these rules.

- **Please remember that the drop off zone should only be used to drop off and pick up if your child is waiting for you. It is not another parking spot and cars should not be parking with their car facing towards Waterside Rd.**
- **Also a small amount of cars larger can park through the gates in front of the MUGA. This is the only place to park through the gates as this is a pedestrian area and staff car park. If others park along the fence then others will follow suit. If cars park there they will be asked to move.**
- **Remember there is a roundabout in the middle of the car park so cars should not park on this.**
- **If you park on Waterside Road please do not park on the painted lines as this blocks the view of those leaving the car park.**
 - **Only disabled badge owners should park in the disabled bays.**
 - **If you want to use the back gate there is alternative parking at Woodley Court**
- **All these procedures are in place to keep everyone safe! Please ensure all those other members of your family who drop off and pick up are aware of these procedures.**

Thank you.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about anything related to child protection please speak with Mrs Watson who is the school Child Protection Coordinator or in her absence Mrs Elliott is the Depute Child Protection Coordinator. Miss Little in the Nursery is the Child Protection Coordinator for the Nursery.

Also the named person for the children in the school is Mrs Watson.

House and Vice Captains

Following on from guidance about equality in schools we have this year decided that there will not be girl and boys house captains. There will only be one house and once vice captain per house. P7 pupils will make a presentation to their fellow house members and the children will vote for their preferred person.

School Term and holiday dates

Please see link below for current school year (2023/24) and future school year (2024/25) holiday dates in Dumfries and Galloway.

<http://dumgal.gov.uk/article/15239/School-term-and-holiday-dates>

Communication

If you wish to speak to the class teacher you may be able to catch them at the end of the day if it is something which can be discussed quickly. If you feel you need a longer time then this can be arranged. You can also phone the school and you can either speak on the phone at a convenient time to the teacher or email the school email address and the office staff will make any necessary arrangements. Mrs Watson is always available for a quick chat at the end of the day or a longer meeting can be arranged also by speaking to her, phoning the school or emailing the school office. If the teachers use class dojo they can be contacted through this. If you are concerned about anything or need clarification on anything please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Absences

If your child is absent from school please contact the school as soon as you can to inform us and preferably **before 9.30am**. This can be done by text, email or by leaving a message on the answer phone.

Thank you.