



Cargenbridge School Updates and information

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Mrs Watson says....

You have probably heard your child talking about Golden Time which is a time for children to choose an activity as a reward for a positive week in school. As we are focusing on our Silver Rights Respecting School Award and working with the children on the United Nations Children's Rights, we have renamed our Golden Time to FUN 31. Your child may have spoken to you about it. This is because article 31 of the Children's Rights Charter is "I have the right to relax and play". During this time the children will have the choice to play with what they want in the school and use this as a time to relax.

Assembly

As we now have PE on a Friday our whole school assembly is now on a Monday afternoon.

Class Newsletters

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's class newsletter and found it informative.

House and Vice Captains

Well done to all those P7 pupils who did a presentation last week to their house mates in order for the House and Vice Captains to be chosen. Everyone did so well and the voting was very close. Congratulations to the following and we look forward to working with them

Abbey

House Captain Josh
Vice Captain Mollie

Cluden

House Captain Alaina
Vice Captain Connor

Solway

House Captain Hannah
Vice Captain Emily

Class Do JO

You will all have received an email about Class Do Jo being discontinued. We understand the need for this by the Education Department but we are disappointed to lose this simple and easy way to communicate with you. We hope that an alternative resource can be found quickly. In the meantime if you need to get in touch with your child's teacher please do so via the school office email, which is at the top of the newsletter.

Long hair and Jewellery

We have lots of our pupils with lovely long hair. If hair is below shoulder length can it please be tied back. Also a reminder that if a child has their ears pierced it should be small studs they wear while at school. We would prefer if children did not come to school wearing any jewellery as if this gets lost or misplaced it can lead to upset for the child. Many Thanks

Parent Council News

Bingo 14th September

You should have received a letter on Wednesday about the bingo which is on 14th September. We hope to see you there. Bingo nights are always good fun.

Leading up to the AGM the Parent Council are looking for your views in order to best move the Parent Council forward. Here is a link to a short questionnaire they would like you to complete. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAaAAAO_WkyNNdUOTYxMzNET1ozWjVKTkg3TktYU0IxNVMSUy4u

Please find the time to complete this to ensure we have your views.

The AGM is fast approaching. We hope that you can come along and find out more about our Parent Council. We will be looking for new office bearers; Chair, Vice, Secretary and Treasurer. Please don't let this put you off coming along as the Parent Council can be run in whatever way we want it to meet the needs of our context. Please see letter in the maildrop about the AGM and complete if you are coming along or can't and would like to be involved.

A special thank you to the Parent Council for agreeing to fund our subscription for Nessy for another year. This is a great resource to help with our spelling programme so this is a great help.

School Improvement Priorities

On the second page of our newsletter you will find a copy of our school improvement priorities for this year. Please take the time to read over these so you are aware of what we are looking at this year. You will see that there will be some opportunities for parents to be involved.

After School Clubs

Mrs Watson has met with our Active Schools Coordinator to start to plan some after school clubs. P2 and P3 pupils are invited along to a lunchtime multi sports club for 3 weeks starting today. After this there will be a 3 week after school club focusing on one of the sports. More info to come.

P7 will receive play leader training on 18th Sept, 25th Sept, 2nd Oct, 9th Oct to give them the skills and knowledge to lead a playtime or lunchtime club for the younger classes. Kirsten from Active Schools will lead this. On the 2nd Oct their buddies will join them.

Smoking Free Zone

Just to remind everyone that the school and playground are non smoking/vaping areas. Many Thanks

P1 Parent Information Session

We look forward to seeing our P1 parents on Monday 11th at 2pm. If you cannot make it along we will forward you anything which was discussed with Mrs Elliott and update anyone who wishes more information

Update forms

Any update forms still to be returned, can these be returned as soon as possible. Thank you

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
11th and 18th Sept P4/5 Hockey session
14th Sept CPA Bingo
21st September Parent and Child Open Evening
25th September CPA AGM
11th October P6 and P7 NWCC Transition Visit 1.45 (now cancelled as P7 have Operation Safety on this day. More info to come)
13th October Holidays
30th October Return to school



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School Improvement Planning 2023/24

This year we have 3 school improvement priorities

Our priorities for 2023/24 are -

Literacy - Develop a positive Reading ethos and culture across the school.

- Review and self evaluate our reading culture with parents, pupils and staff.
- Analyse our reading data across the school
- Audit our reading materials in class and in the library and purchase as necessary
- Plan a timetable of reading events in the school for pupils and parents to promote reading for enjoyment
- Work closely with other agencies to plan events to raise the profile of reading.

Maths and Numeracy - Build staff confidence and skills in the Developing Number Knowledge/enquiry based Approach

- Staff attend the maths enquiry training
- Staff attend Developing Number Knowledge training
- Look at maths and numeracy planning
- Review and monitor the impact of these across the school
- Plan and hold a session for parents to attend about Developing Number

Framework for Inclusion - Use elements of the Authority Framework for Inclusion approach to meet our context and needs

- Some staff to attend the Framework for Inclusion Conference and share key messages back with the staff
- Complete Inclusive Practice Reflection in school
- Take part in 3 days Nurture training and cascade key areas to staff.
- Nurture training session for all staff
- Teachers complete Respect me online training
- Share work with pupils and parents as part of UNCRC
- Work towards the Silver Rights Respecting School Award
- As appropriate create a framework for inclusion for the school taking into account our context.
- Identify Training needs for staff