

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school – we hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday break.

This term we settle into the new changes with staff and classes. We are pleased to have Mrs Caprani with us for her working week now based at Caerlaverock and teaching P5-7. Mrs Thomson and Mrs McGinley are enjoying their time in P1-4 and the children are also benefitting from the support of our Student, Willow Reid, who will be working with us for three 3-week blocks over the course of this session. We hope that she enjoys our time with us. Thank you for joining in the Halloween spirit of dressing up your child/ren to join in the fun and games that were held at school over the course of the day. The boys and girls (and teachers!) had a great time and they were very sporting in all the activities. Well done, children ☺

Spooky Halloween Party Fun!



UNISON Strike Action:

School will be CLOSED on Wednesday 8th November. Children will carry out any homework activities that they have, as normal, set for the school week. They can also complete any computer based activities e.g. SUMDOG during the day.

Learning Consultations – Parent, Teacher and Pupil (PTP) Consultations

Thank you for making your appointment to meet with your child's teacher. If you still need to schedule an appointment, then please contact the school office. Notice of your time has been sent home with each child. We look forward to meeting with you and your child so that we can engage in a positive learning conversation. Please find enclosed a PTP leaflet that gives you more information about what to expect on the day/night.

Request from Class Teachers

Children are asked to not bring any toys/games from home into school because we do not want them to get broken or lost. They also cause some upset when they get misplaced.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Remembrance Day Poppies for Sale

From next Monday, the children can bring in donations for 'The Scottish Poppy Appeal' and can wear their poppy in school.

- Wreath laying ceremony and Beacon lighting:

Caerlaverock News



The Caerlaverock Community Association are leading a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial next Remembrance Sunday 12th November at 11am. They have asked if any children are willing to be part of this service and lay the wreath on behalf of the school. At night there is also a beacon lighting ceremony and again, they would like support from any children who are able to attend.

** Note - Please complete the form below and circle Yes / No and return to school.

Staff are unfortunately unable to attend these events due to prior arrangements.

Dates for your diary and reminders of upcoming events:

November events and dates:	
Event	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual Photos <p>The photographer is collecting orders on Tues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 6th Nov - Please return your order with payment to school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P4 Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 7th / Thurs 9th Tues 14th / Wed 15th / Thurs 16th Tues 21st / Wed 22nd / Thurs 23rd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 Transition <p>All P7s to wear their school uniform when they visit DHS. Mrs Wightman will support the pupils on some of the days when they attend. The purpose of the days are to give the children the secondary experience to enjoy and attend independently. Parents/carers to drop off and pick up on the respective days. Pupils must have;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School bag – pencils, etc - Snack & water bottle & coat - Packed lunch (FME lunches provided) - PE kit for DHS for the Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 13th Nov – DHS Open Evening from 7pm (doors open 6.30pm) Meeting in hall and then guided tour of the school. Tues 14th Nov – all Brownrock pupils to attend DHS for a HWB Day. Parent drop off and pick up – 8.50am-3pm. Mon 27th Nov – DHS for the Day. Pupils will follow S1 timetable. PE kit Parent drop off and pick up – 8.50am-3pm. Tues 12th Dec – P7 DHS Disco. Parents invited for informal meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Council Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled due to Strike Action New date to be confirmed asap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wed 15th Nov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Need – Pudsey Day <p>The children agreed to come dressed wearing spots – on their clothes and / or face paints so that we can have a 'SPOTacular Day' ☺ Please send a donation for the charity event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 17th Nov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lights Switch On <p>Dumfries Town Centre – fun events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 17th Nov – 4pm – 7.30pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Schools P1-4 PE lessons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DHS senior pupils will deliver 4 Friday afternoon lessons. <p>P1-4 pupils will change into their PE kit. Their lesson is from 2pm-3pm so they will come home at the end of the day in their PE kit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 10th Nov Fri 17th Nov Fri 24th Nov Fri 1st Dec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu vaccinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 28th Nov



December events and dates:

Event	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Fayre See flyer below sharing details of the event. Pupils will have Christmas Craft items on sale. <p>Pupils will be having a fun craft making day with support from the S6 pupils in Dumfries High School.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat 2nd December 10am – 11.30am Venue – Barbour Memorial Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wed 20th December at 6pm Venue – Barbour Memorial Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BROWNROCK Partnership Day More details will be given nearer the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thurs 21st December – all day. Venue – Caerlaverock Primary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fri 22nd December



Message from DINO BONAR!!

Please can parents / carers order lunches online every week. This will help Mrs Bonar to manage the food orders and preparation for the week. Pupils will still be able to order in the morning but doing it in advance also addresses any late comers to have meals already ordered for the day.

Thank you kindly

Kind regards,

Mrs Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff

Please cut and return to school - Remembrance Wreath Laying and Beacon Lighting

Child's name: _____

We are able to support our child/ren to lay the wreath on behalf of the school - Yes / No

We are able to support our child/ren to be part of the Beacon lighting ceremony – Yes / No

Signed: _____