

Caerlaverock News



23rd August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!



We hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, albeit the lack of summery weather! We are delighted to welcome our new P1 families into Caerlaverock Primary School and our three new entrants, Cameron, Lennox and Elouise, are looking happy as they settle into their P1-3 class. We extend a warm welcome to our Probationer Teacher, Mrs McCubbin, pictured in the photo as the P1-3 teacher for this session. We hope that she has a wonderful and positive experience with us at Caerlaverock Primary. Mrs Thomson will be her Probationer Supporter and meet with her on Tuesday mornings, hence the return welcome to Mrs Barr from Brownhall Primary to cover the class.



Farewell and Thank You to Mrs Wightman – Brownrock Learning Assistant

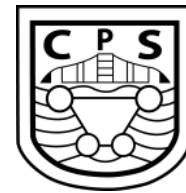
During the summer break, Mrs Wightman made the decision to retire. We will miss her hard work as our Learning Assistant – working alongside many children across the partnership for the past 9 years. Thank you for all your support and dedication to the children, Mrs Wightman – your wealth of knowledge and experience in this job is going to be very hard to replace – true story! We will make sure to invite Jean into school so that staff and pupils can wish her well and let her know that it is now time for her to relax and enjoy quality time with her family and grandchildren.

Staffing:

Headteacher	Mrs Scriven
Principal Teachers	P5-7 = Mrs Thomson (M/T/W/Th) and Mrs Caprani (F)
Class Teachers	P1-3 = Mrs McCubbin (P1-3 = M/W/Th/F) Mrs Thomson / Mrs Barr (T) P4-7 = Mrs Thomson (M) and Mrs Caprani (T/W/Th/F)
RICCT Teacher	Mrs Thomson
Support for Learning Teacher	Mrs White
Learning Assistant	Mrs Wightman has retired – appointment to be made
Senior Clerical Assistant	Mrs Spence (M/T/W)
Playground Supervisor	Mrs Jackson
Catering Manager	Mrs Bonar
Janitor	Mr McQueen

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'Mail Drop' - information for new parents

Each child will bring mail home from school, as and when required. We hope that this will provide an effective form of communication between school and home, allowing returns and monies to be sent safely to and from the school office. Newsletters (fortnightly) will be sent home on Wednesdays, via email, once all addresses are up and running. This will be sent from the school office account, thus allowing parents to respond if they have any questions or information to be sent in to share with the school staff.

Returns Required:

Please complete and return the enclosed forms to allow us to have up to date records for each individual child and to give consent to your child receiving the flu immunisation. Please reuse the envelope and return the completed forms to the School Office on Monday. Thank you to those who have already sent in consent forms.

- **All - Annual Data Check**
- **All - Pupil Flu consent Forms**

Menus and Lunch money

- P1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 children receive free school meals.
- All other children pay for lunches, unless your family has applied for Free School Meal Entitlement
- All lunches must be ordered in advanced using the online ordering and payment system.
- If you need any support with these arrangements, please contact the School Office.



School day arrangements:

School starts – 9.00am

Morning interval - 10.35 – 10.55 am

****Please remember to provide your child with a snack for break time****

Lunch - 12.30 – 1.20 pm

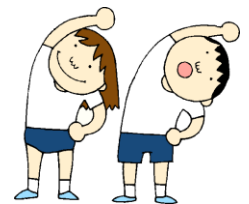
School day ends - 3.10 pm

*****Can we take this opportunity to remind you to label all items of clothing*****

Physical Education -

Our children will continue with the experience of changing into/out of their PE kit at school for the following reasons:

- a) P1-3 pupils are learning to dress and undress independently and learning to manage their belongings responsibly
- b) P4-7 pupils are addressing hygiene and building their confidence to change in privacy



- PE days will be: P4-7 = Monday and Friday and P1-3 = Tuesday and Wednesday
- All children to please bring their PE kit to school on a Monday morning.
- Their PE kit will remain in school and will be sent home on a Friday afternoon.
- This will allow all children to participate in PE with their Class Teacher during the week as and when the opportunity arises – if weather changes
- Trainers are required for outdoor PE. If required, these can be brought in or worn on the respective days.
- Ensure your child brings a coat to school daily for both play times and PE as we will continue to have PE outside as long as the weather permits.

A reminder that under the Dumfries and Galloway 'School Dress' policy, the wearing of football colours in school is unacceptable. Your support is appreciated with this matter.

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Parent Council Annual General Meeting – Date to be confirmed - 6pm at school

Our Parent Council Chair, Ami Aindow, is liaising with the Committee members to set a date for the next meeting. She welcomes all parents and families from P1-7 to come along so that your voice is heard and you are part of decisions that are made on behalf of your child/ren. Date will be shared asap.

School Garden Tidy!



We would like to offer a very **BIG** THANK YOU to the pupils and their families who kindly tidied our school grounds during the school holidays. We know that not all children were able to take part because of holiday time but for the children, as shown in the photo, we appreciated your Community Service to the school with a token certificate – well done, boys and girls!

All staff are looking forward to another busy year with the children and working with you this session. Any contacts or queries, feel free to contact me through the school office:

Telephone – 01387 – 770237 or email – gw08officecaerlaverock@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Scriven and Caerlaverock Staff