

CASTLE DOUGLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL, NURSERY AND LEARNING CENTRE



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Friday 27th August 2021

NEWSLETTER

– WELCOME –
BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back and a special welcome to our delightful new Primary 1 and Nursery children who have settled in to CDPS beautifully. It is like they have always been here! I know all the staff are proud of how well all our children have stepped up to their new classes. I am surrounded by smiling faces and busy learners from Nursery to P7. We also welcome new members of staff to our teaching team—Mrs Middleton (P3), Miss Graham (P4), Ms McDonald (P4/5) and Miss Biggar (P5) - please say hello to them when you see them. I know they will agree with me in saying that the CDPS family has been incredibly warm, friendly and supportive to us newbies. Thank you very much. We look forward to a great year of learning, friendship and fun. Miss Davies :)

Home/School Communication

As before, we continue to share our learning through a variety of platforms including our website and the school app. **Our School App** is free to download on both Apple and Android platforms. Search for School App for Parents and once the app has loaded search for Castle Douglas Primary. The App has a diary tab which lists the daily meal menu as well as school activities and holiday dates ; a news tab and a message tab for regular updates such as wet/very windy weather arrangements. School texts will be sent out using Groupcall e.g. for an emergency school closure and parents are asked to keep the School Office informed of any changes to mobile numbers – thank you.

Our classes all have a Twitter account and posts are retweeted through the CPDS Twitter account (@castledps) and appear on the website.

Classes have their own class emails. Please be advised that your teachers are incredibly conscientious professionals and will endeavour to reply quickly but also have lives, commitments and families. Their working hours may not coincide with your email, so be mindful of this especially if emailing in the evening or at the weekend.



Parent Council AGM

Monday 6th September
6:30pm on Zoom

All welcome!

Please contact the school office with your contact details for the link.

Please continue to let us know of any Wider Achievement stories (events and activities children take part in out of school) and also any community news that we can share.
We really love to hear it!

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Covid-19 Update

As you know, the number of Covid-19 cases has risen dramatically in Dumfries and Galloway over the last few weeks. At CDPS we continue to take all precautions to ensure that everyone is safe. If your child or someone in your household is displaying any of the following symptoms then please isolate and book a PCR test:

1. Loss or change in sense of taste or smell
2. High temperature/ fever
3. New continuous cough

If the PCR test result is positive then let the school know. Test and Protect will contact you and tell you what the next steps are. They will also identify close contacts and they will be advised to isolate and to go for a PCR test. We will follow advice from Public Health Scotland and will distribute a 'warn and inform' letter to our school community as advised. This may mean that everyone receives a letter or it may only be distributed to one class.

I know it can be worrying to hear of a positive case, but at CDPS we have rigorous systems in place to keep us all safe.

Our **Parent Teacher Association** helps organise social (in non-COVID times) and fundraising activities during the session. Meetings are informal and we would like as many Parents / Carers to join in. It is a good way to meet people in the school and we are always looking for new, fun ideas for children and parents that may also raise some funds.

Date for the next PTA meeting coming soon!



School Holiday and Session Dates

Term 1

School closes Friday 8th October

Autumn holiday—Monday 11th October to Friday 22nd October

Term 2

Schools reopen Monday 25th October

Schools close Wednesday 22nd December

Christmas hols—Thursday 23rd December to Friday 7th January

Term 3

Staff return Thursday 6th January 2022 (INSET 6th/7th January)

Pupils return Monday 10th January