

Dear parents/carers

Re: Headteacher Update July 2024

Summer of Fun!

Rewards Trips and Enrichment Days

We have many lovely events and activities planned for the students and our community in the last two weeks of term. Our rewards trips and enrichment days are taking place this week, and the whole school community is looking forward to these events. Please be rest assured that if your child is not on a rewards trip, we have some engaging activities planned for them that day (with a bit of fun thrown in!).

Summer Fayre and Concert

Our summer fayre celebrating our 60-year anniversary is planned for Thursday 11th July. Stallholders plan to be set up by 3pm, so if students want to make purchases as they leave school they are welcome to (though they must be careful not to miss their buses!). The fayre officially opens at 3:30pm and all are welcome. We then have our 60th anniversary concert at 6:30pm that evening and welcome all our families and community to attend. Please note that the concert is a ticketed event; tickets can be purchased on the door if you haven't got yours already! These can also be purchased via Ticketsource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/cold-bath-road-caerleon/caerleon-comprehensive-school/caerleon-comprehensive-school-summer-showcase/2024-07-11/18:30/t-lnrddrr>

Cultural Cynefin Day

This week we also have our Cultural Cynefin day planned for Friday 12th, where we invite students to wear clothes that celebrate their identity and their place in Newport and in Wales. As mentioned previously we are asking for donations on this day to go to Velindre.

So many of us have been impacted by cancer and as a school we try to pick charities to support that everyone in our community can get behind. This one is particularly personal, as my husband is embarking on a bike ride from Miami to the end of the Florida Keys in November – cycling 625km in 4 days. Each person taking part in the ride is aiming to raise £6,000 (minimum) for Velindre. It would be wonderful if our families could donate towards this worthy cause on our Cynefin day. Please be aware that any money raised on this day will be sent directly by the school to Velindre to go towards the total amount raised for the cycling event.

Last Day Celebrations – We Are 60!

As you know we have lots planned for the last day of term and students can come in non-uniform on the day (dressed to represent a decade from the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 2000s or 2020s). We look forward to finishing the year with such a lovely celebratory day. On this day we are asking for donations towards our PTA, FOCCS (Friends of Caerleon Comprehensive School). All funds raised are ploughed directly back into the school so anything you can give would be much appreciated. If you are a new Y7 parent in September 2024, we are always on the lookout for more parents/carers to join our PTA, so please have a look at the PTA section of our website for more information. The PTA are a vital source of funding for our school and raise funds through some hugely enjoyable events.

Uniform: September 2024

As is normal at this time of year, I ask for your support in ensuring your child comes to school in September dressed as per our uniform policy. This can be found on our website and the link is also here <https://www.caerleoncomprehensive.net/school-uniform>

Important reminders about uniform:

- We would prefer students to wear the logo'd skirt and we do not allow students to wear stretchy/elastic type skirts that are very short and tight. Please do not purchase one of these skirts for your child as they will be asked to borrow a regulation skirt from the swap shop and you will be contacted.
- Please do not allow your child to wear a hoodie to school; these will be confiscated.
- Please ensure your child has either a school jumper or blazer, as when the weather gets cooler, they are required to bring these to school every day and to wear a blazer and/or jumper for assembly. We will let you know when jumpers/blazers are required to be brought every day and worn in assembly (depending on the weather).
- Piercings must be studs only and students will be asked to remove bars/hoops etc.
- All students should be in a shirt/tie at the start of the year (unless it is extremely hot, in which case I will contact you to say that we will start the year in summer uniform, which consists of a shirt without a tie or a pale blue polo shirt).
- Please ensure footwear is all black.

There is significantly more information on uniform in our policy, but I wanted to highlight some of the most important reminders as above. Students in the incorrect uniform will be asked to borrow uniform from the swapshop and parents/carers will be contacted.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students look smart, well presented and ready to represent our school in the correct uniform.

I would like to wish all our families a wonderful summer break; I hope everyone has something to look forward to and that you can spend much needed time with family and friends at some point during the time schools are closed. I look forward to seeing students collecting results on results days in August.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Purcell', written in a light grey or blue ink.

Mrs L Purcell

Headteacher