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SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see your children coming back ready to learn after what I hope was a great holiday. We will be talking a lot this term about 'Yearning for Learning' and our focus will very much be on children's confidence and emotional resilience in their lessons, so they can make as much progress as they possibly can.

NEW TIMETABLE- PLEASE READ

As from Monday, 9th January 2017 we are introducing a new timetable that includes more focus on the basic building blocks of reading through children learning their letter sounds much more quickly. It will run right through school at first and is called Read Write Inc.

It involves all the children having been registered and in their groups ready by 9.05am. To do this, we can still start at 8.55am but that must be the start of registration, rather than a signal in the playground that school will soon begin. Therefore the bell will go slightly earlier at **8.50am** and the gate will also open earlier to drop children off.

I cannot stress enough how important it will be for children to be in the playground in the morning, ready for the bell to go at 8.50am and to start school. This programme has been proven in many schools to improve children's reading so please support us in this and, if you need to, set your alarms a little earlier. Thanks.

Swimming

Years 2, 3 and 5 will now be swimming and their first session will be on Monday, 16th January. They will continue swimming every Monday until further notice. Year 6 have now finished their swimming. A letter for Year 5 will be sent out soon.

PE Kit

Please can all children make sure that they have their full PE kit in school at all times. As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we will be having some of our PE sessions outside. As the weather is cold at this time of the year, please could you bring some old joggers and a sweatshirt to keep in school with their PE kit for these outside PE sessions. Thanks.

Dinner Money

It is really important that any money still owing for dinners last year are paid immediately. Please call at the office. Thanks.

After-school clubs

A new timetable of after-school clubs will be sent out on Monday. All clubs will start the week beginning Monday 16th January. Slips to be sent back as soon as possible as places are given on a first come, first served basis. Thanks.

Toddler group

For the time being, toddler group will not be running. We will let you know as soon as we have a date. Thanks.

Breakfast Club

This club will be back up and running as from Monday, 9th January from 8.30 am.

Mobile Numbers

Just a reminder that the office must be informed of any change of mobile number/home number. This is also for any emergency contact numbers ie, grandmother, auntie, etc. If you think we don't have your up to date number, please let us know. Thanks.

Year 4 - trip

The children in Year 4 will be going on a trip to Beacon Fell, Coniston next Wednesday, 11th January. A more detailed letter will follow.

Monthly Attendance

The Class with the highest attendance in December was Class 2 with 97%. Well done everyone.

Attendance last week of term

Reception	90%	Year 3	91%
Year 1	87%	Year 4	91%
Year 2	94%	Year 5	94%
		Year 6	95%

Book Craft Club

We have been asked to pass this information on - Barrow Library are running a Book Craft Club every month. The sessions are all on Saturdays on 14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 6th May, 10th June and 8th July from 10.30am until 11.30am. There will be fun stories and crafts based on all the best Junior books. This is suitable for 6-11 year olds. Places are limited. To sign up place call Clare Bell on 407369 or e-mail clare.bell@cumbria.gov.uk

Dates to Remember

Date	Event	Comments/Actions
Wed, 11 th January	Year 4 - trip to Beacon Fell, Coniston	Letter sent out with more details today.
Wed, 25 th January	Year 5 - trip to Waterpark	Letter to follow
Mon, 30 th January - Fri, 3 rd February	Year 6 - Waterpark residential week	Details already sent out - reminder letter to follow