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October 2015 Newsletter

This will be the last Newsletter which will be sent out as a 'hard copy'.

To view this and future Newsletters, you will need to click on the link which will be sent to you via a text. We will have some Newsletters available in a plastic wallet on the small table at the entrance where children are dropped off in the morning and also in the spinning display unit in the entrance area next to the office. This will reduce the amount of paper we use and therefore save the school a lot of money. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Macmillan Coffee morning

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday, 25th September. The event was a huge success and to date we have raised just over £500.00! We would also like to thank everyone who helped at the event and who donated cakes and raffle prizes. Without your valuable help the event would not have been anywhere near as successful. There are quite a few cake containers which have been left in the Hall. These have been washed and are ready to collect.

Evening Mail

Reception class will be having a group photograph taken on Monday, 12th October at 9.30 am. This will be put in the Evening Mail, along with all the other local school's new Reception classes. Once we know when the photo will be printed in the Evening Mail, we will let you know via text.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival this year on Thursday, 8th October. This will be held at St George's Church at 10.30 am. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to come along to this wonderful service. Children from each year group will perform to everyone a harvest piece they have been very busy rehearsing. We are again supporting the local Foodbank and we would be very grateful for donations of tinned goods which can be brought into school from tomorrow onwards. These will then be taken to the local Foodbank for them to pass on to local families in need. We look forward to seeing you.

Secondary School applications - Year 6 only

Thank you to everyone in Year 6 who has already completed and returned their application form for secondary school (or completed theirs online). It is very important that the form is returned to us/completed online as soon as possible as the closing date for applications to be received by Cumbria County Council is 31st October. Any late forms may result in your child not getting a place at their first choice of school. If you need any help completed the form, please call at the office.



Early Years Unit ('Little Dragons')

Our Early Years Unit for our two year old children opened on 1st October. We are really pleased to see that the children are settling in well and are enjoying their new class. If any parents have any questions about their child, please speak to Mr Hopkins or Mrs D Smith. Thanks.

Toddler Group

Our toddler group will be starting again soon. We want our new two year old children to settle in to their new setting first. When it is up and running again we will let you know via text. It will however only be held a few afternoons a week.



Bikeability Cycle Training

Year 6 will have received a letter about the **free** Bikeability Cycle training to be held every day during the week commencing 23rd November. Could parents/carers please return the reply slips to the office as soon as possible. This is a really great opportunity for your child to learn important road safety skills whilst on their bike. Don't worry if your child does not own a bike - we have plenty at school.

Mobile Numbers

As we are now sending out information via text, it is very important that we are kept up to date with new mobile numbers. If you do change your mobile number, please let the office know. Thanks.

Missing items

We have a large selection of items which have been handed to the office which have been found either in the playground or in school. These items include watches, sunglasses, reading glasses, jewellery and even a mobile phone! If you think any of these items may belong to your child, please call at the office. Thanks.

Parents Evening

We will be holding our parent's evening on Monday, 19th October - further details to follow.

Year 1 - South Lakes Safari Zoo

Just a reminder for the parents/carers in Year 1 that there is a trip to the Zoo at Dalton tomorrow, 6th October. As the weather could be a bit wet/windy, please wrap your children up! Thanks.

Missing cardigan

Grace Bowes in Reception has lost her cardigan (which was named). Could all parents/carers please check their child's uniform. Thanks.

Swimming

The last session of swimming for **Year 1** will be on Monday, 19th October. After half-term, Year 2 will start swimming along with Years 4 and 6. The first session for swimming after half-term will be Monday, 9th November.

Attendance

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have been making sure that their child/children arrive at school on time. Could parents/carers who are not getting their children to school on time please make a big effort to do this. It is so important that children do not miss the start of their first class as they miss out on important information relating to their first lesson. Thank you.

The class with the highest attendance in September was **Class 4** with a whopping 99.39% Well done! Class 1 were very close with 99.07%. Individual children are now expected to be above 95% attendance. School will need to become involved when children drop below this.

Half-term

Please note that school will finish at 2.15 pm on Friday, 23 October for the half-term break. School will re-open at 8.55 am on Monday, 2nd November.

Mrs E Kent & Staff