

ST GEORGE'S COFE NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everybody who came to our harvest festival. We hope that everybody enjoyed watching the children. Thank you also to everybody who has brought tinned goods into the office to donate to the local Foodbank. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Macmillan Cancer - Big Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to everybody who came to our coffee morning in support of Macmillan. The event was a huge success and we managed to raise approximately £650.00 in support of this very worthy cause. We hope everyone got to see the photos in the Evening Mail! A special assembly will take place on Monday, 13th October when a cheque for the money raised will be presented to a Macmillan Charity representative.

Morrisons tokens

We are collecting Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers again this year. These are given to customers up until 26th October. If you have any to donate, please could you bring them to the office. Thank you.

Trip to Furness Abbey

There is a trip planned for Reception class to Furness Abbey on Wednesday, 8th October (9.15am-12noon). Unfortunately, if the weather is really wet and wild, this trip will not take place. Could all parents/carers please ensure that their child has a suitable coat on the day. Let's hope that the weather improves a bit!

Year 6 - Long Distance Run

On Wednesday, 8th October at 1.15pm, Year 6 children will attend at Barrow Park for a long distance run. Could all children ensure that they have their trainers in their school bag. If the weather is really bad, the event will be cancelled/postponed.

Secondary School application forms

Thank you to everybody who has already completed and returned their application form for secondary school (or completed theirs online). It is very important that the forms are returned to us/completed online **no later than the end of October**. If you haven't already done so, could you please complete and return the form to the office or complete the form online as soon as possible. If you need any help completing the form, please call at the office.

PTA - Shoe Box Appeal

We are supporting Boxes of Hope Cumbria this year, which is our local shoebox charity. Each year a small team distribute boxes full of essential items to needy children in Romania. If you would like to donate some items towards this appeal it would be very much appreciated. The items required for donation are any of the following:- soaps, facecloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs, notebooks, colouring books, pens, crayons, pencils, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, hats, scarves, mittens or gloves, socks, soft toys, toy cars, dolls, skipping ropes, yoyos, sweets (with a use by date of at least March 2015), plastic cups. Please do not provide food (except for sweets), medicines,

aerosols, liquids (shampoo, shower gel, etc), glass items, sharp items or war related items (ie, toy guns, tanks, soldiers, books). School will provide the boxes. You may bring any items in as from today (6th October) until 6th November. All donations to be taken to **Mrs Smith in Nursery**. Once all donations have been received, selected children will help to pack the boxes during school time. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation

We have been asked by Cumbria County Council to inform parents of a new flu vaccine called Fluenz which is taken intra-nasally. This means that the vaccine is sprayed into the child's nostrils. It is quickly administered and not at all uncomfortable. It does not involve an injection. It is available for all primary school aged children (4-11) at most pharmacies and doctors surgeries. Parents/carers will receive a letter giving details about the programme and inviting them to bring their child/children to the pharmacy/clinic. This letter will be sent via the Health Department NOT the school.

PTA - Disco

The Friends of St Georges (PTA) have kindly organised a disco to be held in the School Hall on Wednesday, 22nd October. This will be split into two age groups:-

- * Nursery/Reception/Years 1 and 2 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm
- * Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Tickets cost £2.00 which will include a hot dog, a bag of sweets and a drink. **Tickets are available from Mrs Smith in the Nursery**. If you wish your child/children to come along, please complete and return the form attached.



Wet weather

Although it was lovely to have some late sunshine, the weather now seems to be turning cooler/ wetter. Could you please therefore ensure that your child has a suitable coat to wear at school every day.

Lost Property

If anyone has lost a blue double-handled Tommy Tippee bottle (which was left in Church), please call at the office.

School Representatives

We are delighted to announce the elected children in their new roles:-

Head Girl : Felicia Morgan Head Boy : Ben Hill
Deputy Head Girl: Tia Brown Deputy Head Boy: Lewis Burgess
Prefects: (Year 6) - Hayleigh Carswell and Anthony Morley
(Year 5) - Eleanor Tyson and Ryan Cross

Congratulations to the above-mentioned children - we are sure that they will represent the School well.

Swimming

Just to let you know that the last swimming session for Year 1 will be on Monday, 20th October. After half-term Year 2 will start swimming - the first session being on Monday, 10th November. Years 3 and 5 will continue swimming after half-term (first session after half-term on Monday, 10th November).

Facebook

We would like to remind parents/carers that they must not type any comments of a nature which any staff at this school may find hurtful/disrespectful. All staff at the school work very hard for the benefit of all the children here at the school and they do not deserve to have abusive, hurtful comments written about them on Facebook or any other social media sites.

Photos

We are in the process of updating our school displays and wonder whether parents/carers have any photos which could be displayed of their children taking part in out of school activities ie, dancing, Brownies, martial arts etc. It is really important that we celebrate pupil's successes inside and outside of school. Any photos provided would be photocopied and the originals returned. Your help with this would be very much appreciated.

Attendance

We are pleased to announce that Year 3 had the highest attendance in September with 98.6%. Who will be the winner in October?

Half-term holiday

We will break up for half-term on Friday, 24th October at 2.15pm. School will re-open on Monday, 3rd November at 8.55am.

AND FINALLY ...

We know that some parents are missing the weekly newsletters. We would ask that you give the monthly newsletters a try and see how you feel after Christmas.

Also, as the next newsletter will not be released now until 3rd November, we hope that everybody has lots of family fun celebrating Halloween and that the children stay safe.

Mrs E Kent & Staff

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