



# Newsletter

## September 2019

Welcome back! The children look very smart in their uniforms and have settled so well into their new classes. Well done to Reception class for making a fabulous start to school! Also, thank you to everyone for your patience earlier in the week. We are grateful to the County's electricians for resolving the issues as quickly as possible. We are now looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead, with lots to learn and enjoy.

### **Reception Play and Stay/Phonics Workshop**

Reception parents are invited to come along to a Play and Stay session in Reception on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. The children will love to show you around the setting and tell you about their favourite areas. We hope you can make it!

We also hope to see you all at our Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm (about 1 hour), where we'll share information about how we teach reading and how you can support your child at home. This helps us to work in partnership to help your child.

### **Jewellery Reminder**

Could we please remind everyone that the **only** jewellery children are allowed is as follows:



- A plain watch (**no apple/smart watches, fitbits etc**)
- **One small pair of studded earrings.** Some children have returned to school with a range of larger earrings which are not acceptable or necessary in primary school.

Please remember that all earrings **must** be removed before PE lessons or before physical activities in breakfast and after school clubs. Children must be able to remove these themselves as staff cannot take them out. Alternatively, parents can remove them at home and put them back in at the end of the day.

Whilst our current policy is to allow earrings, we would ask parents to support our policy and guidelines in order to ensure children's safety and allow children to focus on their learning.

### **School Lunches/Packed Lunch**

The vast majority of our children have a school meal each day. Mrs Bradbury prepares tasty and nutritious meals that meet strict nutritious government guidelines and ensure that children receive a healthy meal every day. Could we just ask that parents make meal choices on Parent Pay in advance, so that the correct meals can be ordered and organised. Many thanks.

A reminder that if your child brings a Packed Lunch, we have a Healthy Packed Lunch Policy to ensure that ALL children receive a healthy meal at lunch time. This helps children concentrate in the afternoon, supports positive behaviour and creates healthy eating habits for the future. Please note that packets of crisps/chocolate bars or biscuits are not allowed. A copy of the Packed Lunch Policy will be sent home next week to children who bring packed lunch. It can also be found on our website. Thank you for your support.



## ***Clothes Swap***

In school, we often work with children on finding ways to recycle items such as paper, plastic etc. This term, we're going to recycle our clothes as we did last year, which was very successful! As we head towards autumn/winter, and dare we say it....Christmas, families often have a clear out of clothes that children have grown out of. It's also a time to replenish warm coats, jumpers etc. Later this half term, we will ask for any good quality, washed clothes that your children have grown out of. We'd also like good quality school uniform. As we did last year, tokens will be given for items sent in and then children will be able to use the tokens to 'buy' other items of clothing at the Clothes Swap event. The Clothes Swap will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October this year. More details to follow...

## ***We Need You!!***

Do you have a spare hour or two to help us raise funds for school through organising events or supporting events on the day? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please leave your name and a contact number at the school office and Mrs Dubre will get in touch. Many thanks.

## ***Parent/Carer Consultation Group***

We would like to set up a group of parents and carers who would be willing to give their views on areas of school life to help us continue to develop. We envisage that the group would meet half termly or termly in school to discuss areas that either school or the group would like to focus on. For example, homework, play, accident reporting, medication, school visits etc. The meetings would be informal with plenty of coffee/tea and biscuits! Please let the school office know if you'd be interested in joining us. It's much appreciated.

## ***Cooper Hall Community Centre***

We continue to work in partnership with the Community Centre, and very much appreciate use of the hall and rooms on occasion when we need extra space. We also appreciate that our families are able to use the car park for dropping off children and picking up at the end of the day. However, please remember that we **cannot** use the car park on a **Tuesday**. The Community Centre is very busy on Tuesdays and they need to be able to provide parking for patrons. On other days, please leave the car park as soon as possible after dropping off children on a morning, as the spaces are needed by people using the Centre.

Unfortunately, some residents' driveways have been blocked this week. Please be considerate of residents when parking outside of school. Thank you for your support.

## ***Name Labels PLEA***

PLEASE could you name all items of clothing, including shoes. Yesterday was tricky trying to match all of the children with their correct belongings!

## ***Ullswater Meeting***

Please note, the Ullswater meeting for parents is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm.

## ***Play Equipment***

Children are not allowed to play on the outdoor play equipment before and after school, as there are no members of staff to supervise. We appreciate your support in reminding your child/ren about this.

## School holidays 2019-2020

| Holiday   | Closing date                            | Date re-open for teaching purposes    |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Autumn half term                                    | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019    | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019  |
| Staff Training Day<br>(Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov) | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019 | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 |
| Christmas holidays                                  | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019   | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020   |
| Spring half term                                    | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020   | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 |
| Easter holidays                                     | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020       | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020    |
| May Day<br><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>         | Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020       | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020      |
| Summer half term                                    | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020        | Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020     |
| Summer holidays                                     | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July            | To be confirmed                       |

### *Dates for your Diary*

Please find below a list of dates for your diary. We do try to give parents as much notice for events as possible. However, this means there may be rare occasions when we need to make a change, although we do try to avoid it.

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| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm                    | Reception Open Afternoon   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 5.00pm                     | Meeting for Y5 parents - Ullswater                                   |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm                    | Reception Parents' Reading Workshop                                  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am                       | MacMillan Coffee morning – more details to follow                    |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 5pm                            | Meeting for Y6 parents – Edinburgh visit                             |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2.30pm                        | Celebration assembly – Year 6 parents invited                        |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                                 | Non Uniform Day and Year 6 cake sales                                |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October                              | School Photographs – Individual                                      |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October                               | Relationship and Sex Education Policy – Consultation with parents    |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October                                | Clothes Swap   |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October      | Year 5 Residential visit to Ullswater                                |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>  | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Year 6 Residential visit to Edinburgh                                |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Parents' Evenings  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm                      | Celebration assembly – Year 5 parents invited                        |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November                             | School Disco<br>Reception/KS1 – 3.30pm-4.30pm<br>KS2 – 4.45pm-6.00pm |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>                         | <b>Staff Training Day – Closed to children</b>                       |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                              | Flu vaccinations – more details to follow                            |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm                      | Celebration assembly – Year 4 parents invited                        |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December                                | Non-Uniform Day and Year 5 cake sales                                |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                            | Christmas Lunch  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am and 2.15pm             | Nativity Performance   |

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| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 10am   | Nativity Performance   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (am)  | Whole school visit to pantomime at Gala Theatre                                      |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | Break up for Christmas   |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>                           | <b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm  | Celebration assembly – Year 3 parents invited  |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm  | Celebration assembly – Year 2 parents invited  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February   | Non Uniform day and Year 4 cake sales  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February   | School Disco   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February  | Break for half term  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>                         | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Witton World Book Day<br>Non-Uniform day – Year 3 cake sales                         |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Parents' Evenings<br>Also have RSE resources for parents to view                     |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm  | Celebration assembly – Year 1 parents invited  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March   | Spring Fair and Raffle   |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1.45pm   | Easter Egg decorating with families (FS/KS1 only)<br>KS2 decorate eggs in classrooms |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | Non uniform and Year 2 cakes<br>Break up for Easter                                  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>                                | <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>   |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May  | Non-Uniform day and Year 1 cake sales  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm   | Celebration assembly – Reception parents invited                                     |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>  |
| Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Y6 SATs Week   |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May   | Sports Day Option 1  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Sports Day Option 2  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Break up for half term   |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019</b>                                   | <b>HALF TERM</b>   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June   | Non uniform and Reception cake sales   |
| Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 1 Phonics Check   |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July   | Non-Uniform Day  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm and 5.30pm<br>Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00am | KS2 Performance  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm   | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | Break for summer holidays  |
| <b>Break up - 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>   |