

December Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

UNIFORM

We have been working to source uniform from different places to try to keep costs down. You now have two options:

- 1) You can still order uniform from Coniston online, using the link from the school website: www.patterdale.cumbria.sch.uk
- 2) You can go into Lakeland Embroidery in Penrith and purchase directly from there. This means you can try on the different sizes. Lakeland Embroidery are cheaper, however, you will have to travel to town to order/collect items.

Book bags are now available from school. We think we have found one that will stay closed and last longer.

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to some fantastic events and hard working volunteers, we have had some really fabulous events over the last few weeks.

The Curry Night at Fellbites was superb and raised £1135. Very many thanks to Micky and Jane for a wonderful spread and a great venue. Thanks must also go to Di Wear, Maddy Teasdale and Lorraine for so much hard work on the night.

Micky and Jane have also donated £250 each to both the school and the nursery from the sale of burgers throughout the season.

Professor Pumpernickel was a great success – very explosive and great fun! Many thanks to Kirsty Wright and Mandy Howard-Carter. Pumpernickel raised £126.

CLOTHING

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please ensure your child brings a **hat, gloves and wellies** to school each day. Please name these items clearly.

In addition, we would also ask that each child brings a named **pair of joggers** to wear in PE.

CHRISTMAS PLANS



CHRISTMAS POST

The Christmas Post Box will be available from Thursday 1st December. As the Year 6 children sort the post, it is really important that the name on the envelope is really clear – preferably first and surname. We do have 2 Jessicas!

The final posting day will be Monday 12th December.

SINGING TO THE 'OVER 60'S' AT THE INN ON THE LAKE

The children have been invited to sing at the Inn on the Lake again this year on Wednesday 7th December. The children have also been invited to go a little earlier to explore the Eden Rivers Trust sculpture of a marble run that mirrors the flow of a river down a hill. The sculpture will be in the garden of the Inn on the Lake. We will leave school at 1.30pm.

Please collect your children from the Inn on the Lake at 3.30pm.

THEATRE BY THE LAKE TRIP – Thursday 8th Dec – Whole School

The whole school will be going to visit the Theatre by the Lake to see 'The Emperor and the Nightingale'. We will have an early lunch and travel by mini-bus and car. **We shall return to school at 4.45pm** (please leave space for the mini-bus/cars to park outside school). We ask for a voluntary contribution of £12.00 to cover the tickets and car parking. If you haven't already done so, please ensure money is handed in as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This will be on Tuesday 13th December. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on that day.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Terry will be leading a service at St Patrick's following Christmas Dinner. This will start at 2.30pm and we would love to see you there. If you are unable to come, **please collect your children from St Patrick's at 3.30pm.**

SCHOOL PLAY

The play will take place on Thursday 15th December at 2pm and 6pm at SCHOOL. Costumes need to be in school by **Monday 5th December**, in a named bag please!

SCHOOL PARTY DAY

Children may have a lie in and arrive by 10am following the play night. Children may wear party clothes – although they will need to have something warm to wear for playtime along with suitable footwear.

They will have a party lunch (not school dinner). Thank you to everyone who has signed the list of party food!

Please collect at 3.30pm as usual.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR STAFF

We would like you to know that we do not want you to spend your hard earned money on presents for us at the end of term. Christmas is a very expensive time of year for us all and this is one expense we are sure you do not need.

Many thanks

Liz

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS FOR THE TERM

Thurs 1 st Dec	Christmas Post Box open
Monday 5 th Dec	Costumes in school! Flood Fleet project
Wed 7 th Dec	Singing at Inn on Lake – Over 60's Party
Thurs 8 th Dec	Theatre by the Lake trip – whole school – return at 4.45pm
Sat 10 th Dec	Sainsbury's bag pack for Nursery
Mon 12 th Dec	Final posting day in Christmas Post Box
Tues 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner followed by Christingle Service at 2.30pm
Thurs 15 th Dec	School Play 2pm and 6pm
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Party - 10am start and Break Up!

Term starts Thursday 5th January 2017
