

## February Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents

### **Ullswater Nursery**

The governing body are currently considering taking the Nursery 'in-house'. At the moment it is a voluntary nursery managed by a committee and funded separately from the school. We need to consult you all about this proposition. There are several reasons why this is a good time to think about this:

- Nicola is the manager of the nursery and gives her time to this out of sheer good will; we could not afford to run the nursery if we had to pay her! Although she is not intending to leave any time soon, we need to ensure that the nursery can continue to operate once she does decide to go.
- It would mean that all the school policies could be used for the nursery. At the moment Nicola and the management committee have to write and agree a vast number of separate policies - it would reduce the workload.
- The nursery has a separate OFSTED inspection, which adds to the pressure somewhat.
- Our staff and the way we organise the nursery is well established, it would be an opportune moment to change without causing disruption.
- Funding for private nurseries and nurseries within schools is now exactly the same.

Taking the nursery into the general running of the school means that we have to go through a relatively simple procedure of changing the age range of the school- from 4 to 11 to 3 to 11.

We would still need to fund raise for the nursery so that the school is not put under any extra financial pressure, but that is nothing new to us!

Please could you take a moment to fill in the consultation slip at the bottom of this newsletter.

Thank you.

### **Parent Consultations (Wed 21<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb)**

The consultation times will be on the notice board this week. We have allocated your time, if this doesn't suit, please re-arrange with another parent. This is the main consultation for the year (not reception), so please do try to attend. Nicola and I find it really hard to fit you in at other times! If you can't get in to school, drop us an email and we will sort out a time for you.

### **Big Breakfast Planning meeting**

We are having a quick meeting this Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) at 1pm, to plan our first fundraiser of 2018! I have a small group that have signed up to help organise this event. We have no year 2 parents this year and it would normally be their turn! If any others are willing to help to organise, please do come. There will be signing up sheet for help on the day soon. The event is planned for Palm Sunday- March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tree Planting Activities**

Children will need warm and waterproof clothes on several occasions over the next few weeks to help with tree planting, so please take note of the dates for these activities on the list below.

### **Easyfundraising**

Thanks to all who are using this, you have managed to earn us £36.46 for this quarter. If you have not signed up to this, please consider doing so.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

Big Breakfast Planning Meeting	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb at 1pm
People and Finance Governors meeting	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 3:45pm
Tree planting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Spelling Competition	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Tree planting at Aira Force	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Consultation evenings	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> and Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
Junior Tree Planting at Greenbank (tbc)	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
Reception and Year 1 red squirrel and Ullswater Steamers Trip	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Full Governors Meeting	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Messy Church at Rheged	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March (details to follow)
Big Breakfast	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
End of Term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March

### **Advance Notice**

Standard Attainment Tasks/Tests – May and June

Year 6 SATS – week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May – please ensure children are in school.

Fellside Residential Trip (Key Stage 2) Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### **Nursery Comments**

Signed

Date: