

## January Newsletter 2018

Happy New Year everyone! We hope you had a happy family Christmas and that 2018 is peaceful, healthy and happy for everyone.

### **Projects for this term**

Please find attached, the plans for this term. Both the infants and the juniors are learning about SPACE- a project that they all love. If you have any further ideas, suggestions or expertise on the subject, please let us know.

Alongside Space, Miss Reay is undertaking an Andy Goldsworthy art project with the whole school on Friday afternoons. This will involve being outside and, on occasion, outside the school grounds using our beautiful environment. **Children will need outdoor clothing on Fridays- warm and waterproof please.**

### **Naming clothes**

Please double check that all uniform is clearly named, as permanently as possible, including shoes and wellies. It is quite remarkable that in such a small school, belongings still go missing!

### **Gymnastics Club**

Gym club will take place on a Wednesday after school. It is open to all age groups, but there is a limit on numbers. We can only manage 20. If we are inundated, we may offer 5 weeks to half and then 5 weeks to the other half. Please fill in your slips and give them to Miss Reay who will allocate places on a first come first served basis. **Gym club will start on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

### **Caring for our environment**

One of our school aims is to appreciate our environment and to look after it, and so this term, we are getting involved with tree planting. This is a hot topic as it is all part of the flood prevention work that is taking place within our landscape. Eden Rivers' Trust are helping us plant a hedgerow to the South of the car park and we are having a day with artist Rob Fraser, leading to the planting of a special tree at Aira Force. See dates below.

We have also been awarded a grant to develop the wild area further- more details to follow.

### **Spellbinding (Key Stage 2)**

The Spellbinding Challenge, through Cumbria Library Services and Hills Books, will soon begin. Each child in Key Stage 2 will be given a reading passport. A brand-new selection of books will be available for children to read. Each time a book is completed, the children will be asked to give a verbal summary of the book and then be given a sticker. Once the passport is complete, children will be awarded a stationery prize. The books are quite challenging, so it is perfectly acceptable for parents to read the books to children, share the reading or for the children to read independently. I would encourage parents to discuss the books with children and encourage them/ help them to complete the challenge.

### Instrument Lessons

Instrument lessons begin again Tuesdays. Please don't forget guitars, ukuleles and recorders!!

### Walk and Breakfast/ Support Group Meeting

It really helps with planning if as many parents as possible can attend the support group meetings- we only have one a term! Please sign the slip below if you would like to order a bacon sandwich that day. It is great when you can walk to school from Glenridding too. So that there is time for breakfast, families need to assemble outside Sharman's by 8:10am in order to set off by 8:15am. Remember, this isn't walking bus, so parents need to walk with their children and if the weather is awful, it is up to each family whether or not they walk.

### Parent Governor

We are still missing a parent governor. Please do have a serious think about whether you would like to be more involved in the way our school is managed. If you are unsure, come and have a chat with myself, Nicola, Kerry Holdsworth or Maddy Teasdale. We may soon be coming to talk to you!!!

### Dates for your diaries:

Road safety drama for Key Stage 1	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Walk, breakfast and Support Group Meeting	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January
Governors' meeting (curriculum committee)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January
Governors' meeting (safeguarding committee)	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
Governors' meeting (People and Finance)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Eden Rivers- tree planning	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Eden Rivers- tree planting	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Rob Fraser and Aira Force	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Parent Consultations (KS 2)	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Parent Consultations	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Full Governors' meeting	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
BIG BREAKFAST	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Break up!	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March

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I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend gym club on Wednesdays after school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £5.

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We will be walking to school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January and would like \_\_\_\_\_ bacon rolls.

Please indicate if you require any vegetarian options.