

May Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents

Well, I don't know where April went, so here is the May newsletter!

Fair Funding for Schools

Some of you may have read in the press, or seen various posts on Facebook, about the funding crisis that schools face over the next 5 years. By 2020 schools nationally will be facing cuts of £3 billion. In fact, cuts have been quietly taking place over the last few years – as you know, we had to cut Teaching Assistant hours 2 years ago. We have no real idea about the full impact for us, but we do know that your children's secondary schools will all suffer:

- increased class sizes
- loss of teaching and support staff
- fewer subject choices
- fewer resources and out of school activities

Please support the campaign to raise awareness and do something about it.

You can sign up to attend the 'March for Fair Funding' on Saturday 6th May from 2-4pm, by searching for the event: 'Fair Funding for Cumbrian Schools' on Facebook. You can also sign a petition by the website: www.fairfundingforallschools.org. Here, you will also find facts, figures and more information.

Thank you.

School Cross Country Run and Race for Life

These events will both take place on Thursday 25th May 2017. Please find the attached letter and sponsor form. We would love to see you all there – male, female, young and old.

School uniform Orders

If you would like to order your school uniform from 'Coniston' on-line ordering, they have given us two deadlines for the school year starting in September. Order by *Wednesday 21st June '17* for guaranteed delivery by *Wednesday 19th July '17*, or *Monday 7th August '17* for guaranteed delivery by *Monday 4th September '17*. (See link from school website). You can also order uniform from Lakeland Embroidery, 4 Middlegate, Penrith. The advantage of the latter is that you can try clothes on.

SATS Week for Year 6

SATS start on Monday 8th May. Please ensure that the children have lots of sleep and good breakfasts. Lots of TLC too please!

May is a testing time for all the children from year 2 – year 6 so all the above applies to them too!

Talent Show Friday 12th May 7pm

Entries for the Talent Show need to be in school or to Sarah Moseley by Friday 5th May (this Friday!). It's a great evening of fun!

Bikeability Year 5 and 6

Bikeability week starts on Monday 15th May. Please ensure that bikes and helmets are in excellent working order. They are inspected for safety and appropriateness. Bikes will be stored in school over night. Please also make sure children have an extra fleece and waterproof clothing – it happens regardless of the weather!

If you haven't already done so, please return Consent Forms as soon as possible.

Afternoon Fundraiser Sunday 21st May

This is a fundraiser for Ullswater Nursery and school – we really need your help! There is a sign-up list on the notice board. Please do fill it up.

Termly Plans

Both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 are thinking about Places to Visit this term – please find enclosed our plans. If you have any ideas of places to go and things to do, please let us know.

Sun Safety

Hopefully we will soon be enjoying the sunshine. Please send in sun-cream for your child – making sure it is in date. It needs to be very clearly labelled. We do not allow children to share sun-cream, except within families. We do have a small school supply – Avon Sensitive Skin Factor 30, but we prefer children to have their own. A sun hat is a good idea too.

Liz

Dates for your diaries

Monday 8 th May	Year 6 SATS tests – all week
Friday 12 th May	Talent Show 7pm
Sunday 14 th May	Messy Church 3.30pm - Patterdale School
Monday 15 th May	Bikeability Week – Year 5 & 6
Sunday 21 st May	Afternoon Tea 12-5pm
Tuesday 23 rd May	Infant Trip to Maryport Aquarium
Thursday 25 th May	Cross Country / Race for Life (pm)
Friday 26 th May	Eden District Netball Finals (pm)
29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Sunday 4 th June	Catering for Ullswater Swim
Thursday 8 th June	Fellside meeting for Year 3 parents – 3.45pm
Friday 9 th June	Summer BBQ
Tuesday 13 th June	Key Stage 2 Kwik Cricket tournament
Thursday 15 th June	Stainton Sports – 1.15pm
Monday 19 th June	Curriculum Governors' meeting – 3.45pm
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 5 Science morning at UCC

Dates (continued)

Thursday 22 nd June	Key Stage 1 Multi-Sports
Sunday 25 th June	Country Fayre
Monday 26 th June	Safeguarding Govenors' meeting – 3.45pm
Tuesday 27 th June	Summer Concert – 6pm
Wednesday 28 th June	People and Finance Governors' meeting – 3.45pm
Friday 30 th June	Infant Trip to St. Bees
Saturday 1 st July	Boundary Walk
Monday 3 rd July	Fellside trip (back Wednesday 5 th July)
Tuesday 4 th July	Infant Camping Day and BBQ
Thursday 6 th July	Transfer Day
Monday 10 th July	Full Governors' meeting – 3.45pm
11 th or 12 th July	Inter Schools' Cross Country TBC
Wednesday 12 th July	Leavers' Party (Year 5 and 6)
Thursday 13 th July	Sports Day and Nursery Open Afternoon
Monday 17 th July	Reports out this week
Wednesday 19 th July	Leavers' Service – 2pm
Thursday 20 th July	Break Up! (normal time)