

October Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

This term has started well; thanks to you, the children have returned to school ready to work and have settled back into their routines very quickly.

OFSTED

We are still awaiting the report and will let you have it as soon as we are allowed to publish it. I would like to thank all of those parents that found time to complete the Ofsted questionnaire on Parent View.

Traffic and Safety outside school

The Safeguarding Committee of the governing body recently had a meeting with County Council representatives, the police and the County Councillor concerning the road safety outside school. There are several concerns: the speed of the vehicles passing school, the number of cars overtaking outside school and the parking at the beginning and end of the day.

We are trying a variety of solutions! Sometime before Christmas, zig zag lines will be painted on the road as well as double white lines for no overtaking in the middle.

We need to do our own 'bit' to ensure the safety of our children. Please avoid double parking in front of school.

Compared to many other schools that have no parking for parents, we are pretty well off for places to stop. Please do use the parking in front of and behind the Starkey Hut! We are trying to come up with a new solution to the padlocked gate – but in the meantime, please do not let this stop you parking there. The code is 1965. It would make sense for parents of children in the juniors to park there.

Feet First

Many of you have signed up for Feet First and we are awaiting the sticker books. However, we need to start collecting the data for children walking/cycling/scooting to school from Monday. This scheme will also help with the above parking issues, so the more who can join in the better.

The walking bus will still continue until half term, therefore if any additional children who have signed up to Feet First would like to join this on a Thursday morning, please let Mandy in the office know or Maddy Teasdale.

Hodgeson Brothers Relay

Everything is planned and ready to go thanks to Maddy and team. If you haven't yet signed up for cake/help, please do if at all possible. This is a key fundraiser for school and a great support for this superb event.

Please ensure you get your bakes/rolls to the tent as early as possible on Sunday morning.

Reading

We are really working on ensuring that all our children read aloud at least four times on different days each week, as stated in our homework policy. The reading tests for year 2 and year 6 have been made much more difficult. We need to work together to help our children to do as well as possible. Children will receive 20 house points for their 4 reads and 5 more for every extra read. Reading aloud to someone helps so much with comprehension skills.

Art Project-Post Flood Support

Two artists, Alex and Gavin have successfully bid for a grant to undertake an arts project with two schools to help families that have been victims of Storm Desmond. They will be coming to school on Friday 4th November to work with all our children and will then invite parents in to see the work at a 'drop in' on Monday 7th November at 3.30pm

Community Lunch

We will be holding another community lunch on Thursday 13th October at 12 noon. If you or anyone you know would like to come, please let Mandy in the office know. The suggested donation for lunch and pudding is £5.00

Clothes Recycling

We have another clothes recycling arranged for Tuesday 11th October at 9am
Please have all bags at the school car park by 8.30 am on the morning.

Please contact Kerry on 07920262471 or school 017684 82383 if you would like to arrange for your bags to be collected or for more info.

Fellbites Curry Night – Friday 11th Nov

Tickets are now on sale for Curry Night – these are available from the school office.

Professor Pumpernickel

We have arranged a science show hosted by 'Professor Pumpernickel' – the mad German Scientist!, this will be an explosive, exciting show suitable for children up to the age of 13. It will be on Saturday 19th November. Tickets for children are £5 and adults are FREE! We will be serving refreshments from 9.30am, with the show starting at 10.00am. There will be an interval at 10.45am, when bacon butties and refreshments will be available. We will also be holding a raffle after the show, and cakes and refreshments will also be available.

Donation

Thankyou very much to Simon and Clair Telford who donated £67.87, from donations raised at their recent sale. It is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

Liz

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS FOR THE TERM

Sun 2 nd Oct	Hodgeson Brothers relay
Tues 4 th – Thurs 6 th Oct	Year 5/6 trip to Liverpool
Fri 7 th Oct	Football/Netball Tournament
Sun 9 th Oct	Harvest Festival at Church
Tues 11 th Oct	Clothes Recycling
Thurs 13 th Oct	Community Lunch
Tues 18 th Oct	Full Governors Meeting - 3.45pm
Thurs 20 th Oct	School Library Van visit - 1pm
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct	HALF TERM
Fri 4 th Nov	Art Project
Fri 7 th Nov	Art Project – Parent drop in 3.30pm
Mon 7 th Nov	Year 2 – Patterdale Hall Outdoor Adventurous Afternoon
Wed 9 th Nov	Year 2 – Patterdale Hall Outdoor Adventurous Afternoon
Fri 10 th Nov	Flu nasal immunisation – Years 1,2 and 3
Fri 10 th Nov	Basic Moves (Infants) – Newton Rigg 1pm
Fri 11 th Nov	Curry Night at Fellbites
Sat 19 th Nov	Professor Pumpernickel
Thurs 8 th Dec	Theatre by the Lake trip – whole school
Sat 10 th Dec	Sainsbury's bag pack for Nursery
Tues 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christingle
Thurs 15 th Dec	School Play
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Party and Break Up!
