

## **September Newsletter 2017**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome everyone to a new school year. We wish our children who left last year all the very best of luck in their new secondary schools. I am sure they will have great success and will be very happy. We also welcome several new children- four in reception, one in year one and two in year four. You are all very welcome and we hope you will all be happy and enjoy learning with us.

### **Roof!**

The work on the roof was very late in starting because long-eared bats were discovered in the bell tower! English Nature then had to issue a licence and monitor the situation. To cut a very long story short: the decoration work is complete and the roof will be finished by the end of September. Children and adults are safe to work in the kitchen and junior classroom, but we have opted to have the junior class in the hall because of the noise! Please use the normal entrances and exits at the start and end of the day, but don't use the front side gate towards the junior collection point. Come round the back of school or from the Starkey Hut.

### **This term's projects**

Miss Reay's children are focusing on transport through the history and stories from World War 2. My class are learning all about World War 2. Please see the plans attached. The time table can be found on the notice board. If you have any further ideas, suggestions and offers of help, please do come and have a chat.

### **Uniform**

Please, please, please make sure all items of uniform are clearly and permanently labelled; even in our small school, uniform goes astray. Quite a few children have the same style and size of shoes, so please name these too. Thank you!

### **Forms to fill in**

Each year we send a mountain of paperwork for you to read and sign. In an attempt to save you all from this tedious task (apart from Reception and new children I'm afraid), we are reducing the amount you need to sign again. If you think you need to change anything from last year (especially medical information), please see Mandy in the office. The following is the list of documents you filled previously, but you haven't got this year. Please check the list to see if you need to amend any. Enclosed is a new form that I need you all to fill in- the Emergency Contact Form. This has arisen as a result of the Grenfel Tower fire and the issues around contacting people that it created.

- 📄 Medical information
- 📄 Local visits permission
- 📄 People that have permission to collect your children
- 📄 Internet use policy
- 📄 Photography permission
- 📄 Home/School agreement

Please note: you will find the Privacy Notice on the information board.

Once again, if you would like to receive the school newsletters through email, please supply us with an up-to-date email address. Similarly, if telephone numbers or email addresses have changed, please let us know as soon as possible.

### **School Lunches**

We are currently maintaining the cost of school lunches at £2.30 a day. This works out at £11.50 a week. Please can this be paid to the office on a Monday or alternatively it can be paid half-termly (Juniors only). The cost for this half-term will be £80.50. Please try not to let this mount up or pay random amounts that make it difficult for us to keep track of. Thank you!

Please can you also inform us of any changes in your child's food dislikes/allergies. This should be detailed on a piece of paper with your child's name and your signature.

### **Free School Meals**

Please do review your circumstances (including infant parents) and find out whether or not you may be entitled to free school meals as the school and you may benefit. For example, you would not need to pay for school trips and uniform if you are entitled to free school meals.

### **Whole School Trip to Carlisle Airport**

As an introduction to our project, we are taking the whole school to Carlisle Airport Museum for the day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. We will be travelling by minibus and cars with plenty of helpers. We shall have a packed lunch, prepared by Lorraine for those who have school lunch. We will return to school for collection at the normal time. Please complete the permission slip.

### **Support Group and Fund Raising**

Please find enclosed with this newsletter, the minutes of the last support group meeting. We discussed the fact that the year had been very successful, but that too many events were close together, which led to some strain and stress for us all. We decided that each event needs a core group of organisers. We will stick to a smaller list of events, with dates pre-organised well in advance. We need everyone to commit to helping as part of at least one core team and then we will break down all the tasks for each event and put a signing up list for everyone for the whole year. Hopefully, that will mean that everyone is involved and that the pressure isn't too great.

On the enclosed sheet, please indicate which event/s you would be prepared to help organise. Please remember that Nicola and I are there to help and can explain the events and what is needed. We are maintaining a year 6 parent team as the core group for organising the Summer BBQ, as their final fling!

### **After School Club this half term**

This half term, Nicola and I will lead a cooking/gardening club. Club will take place from 3:30-4:45pm on a Thursday. Please sign the slip below and return to NICOLA. Places will be given on a first come first serve basis. We have a limit of 20 children. Because it is Autumn, the first two weeks will be gardening and the last three will be cooking. Club dates are: 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct and 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. (We have missed out 12<sup>th</sup> Oct due to Reception Parent Consultations).

Many thanks

Liz

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS FOR THE TERM**

Safeguarding Committee	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3:45pm
Year 6 first Shakespeare Rehearsal at Penruddock	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Trip to Carlisle Airport	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Walk, Breakfast and Support Group Meeting	tbc
People and Finance Committee	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3:45pm
Curriculum Committee	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3:45pm
Hodgeson Brothers' Relay	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Parent Consultations for year 3 and <b>new</b> year 4s	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Shakespeare workshop for year 6	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Parent Consultations for reception children	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Full Governors' meeting	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct 3:45pm

Year 1 and 3 – Patterdale Hall Outdoor Adventurous Morning 20<sup>th</sup> September

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## Half term

Curry Night at Fellbites

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Shakespeare rehearsal and performance

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

Theatre by the Lake trip – whole school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Christmas Dinner and Christingle

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

School Play

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm and 6pm

Christmas Party and Break Up!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Carlisle Airport Museum on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

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

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### **After School Club**

I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend gardening/ cooking club. I enclose £5 suggested donation per child.

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

### **SUPPORT GROUP EVENTS 2017-18**

Please choose at least one event to help organise:

Hodgson Brothers' Relay (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct) Maddy Teasdale key person  
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Curry Night (Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov) Micky and Jane key people  
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Big Breakfast (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March) \_\_\_\_\_

Talent Show (traditionally early/mid May) Sarah Moseley  
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BBQ (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May) Year 6 parents  
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Epic Swim (3<sup>rd</sup> June) Kirsty Wright key person  
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Country Fayre (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June) \_\_\_\_\_

Boundary Walk (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July) Nicola Reay key person  
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**Please return by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

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I would like to receive future newsletters/information via email

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_