

## **September Newsletter 2018**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Summer- it flew by! We are pleased to welcome all our new children and their families, including the nursery children who are the first to be an integral part of the school. We have 39 children on role this year- it has been a while since we had that many!

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

Miss Reay's children are focussing on adventurers, especially looking at books by Oliver Jeffers. My class are learning all about the Romans. Please see the plans attached. 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. The cloakroom will also be a bit of a squeeze now and things can sometimes get mixed up. Quite a few children have the same style and size of shoes, so please name these too. Thank you!

### **Book bags**

Book bags are now available through the Coniston online shop: go through the link on the website.

### **Communication**

It is really important for the smooth running of the school and the feeling of security for the children that we get communication right. We will try to ensure that you get a regular monthly newsletter which will have dates and important information in. If you would like to have it emailed, please let us know. We are assuming that those of you who have already asked for letters to be emailed, will continue with this. We have rearranged the notice boards a little too, so please take a few minutes to read information on there.

**If you have changes to medical info, telephone numbers, consent agreements or have different people on your list of those collecting from school or emergency contacts, please send these in 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).

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.

### **Showing!**

We have many more children in school now and will struggle to fit showing in for all the children. Showing for the infants will take place on a Tuesday. Juniors won't have a showing time but certificates of achievement can be brought in on a Thursday.

### **Plates in the entrance hall!**

There are several plates in the porch area, left over from various events. Please have a look through and take any away that belong to you. They will be thrown away on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September!!

### **Homework**

Homework will be given out on a Monday. Children should hand it in by Friday of the same week. We will start next week. Four reads a week at home and signed in the reading record are also part of the children's homework. It is important that even our oldest children continue to read out loud to an adult, it really helps with reading comprehension, especially when words and other aspects of the book are discussed.

### **After school clubs**

This **half term**, after school club will be a multi-sports activities club. It will be held on a Monday after school from 3:30-4:30pm. It is open to all children and will be run by our very own sports specialist teacher, Mrs Wright. Children will need their usual PE kit- we hope that the weather will hold and that we can be outside as much as possible, but if wet, we will move inside. A voluntary contribution of £6 (£1 per week) would help enormously.

### **Support Group Walk, Breakfast and Meeting**

I have yet to organise a date, but please take time to decide which event you would be able to help organise. We will still need helpers and bakers on the days of these events, but we need key people each time. Some of the events are still to be confirmed, but please fill in the form anyway- it's a starting point.

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

Curriculum Committee	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3:45pm
Safeguarding Committee	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 3:45pm
Year 5 and 6 visit to Liverpool	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Hodgeson Brothers' Relay	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Walk, Breakfast and Support Group Meeting	
Digital Safety and well-being workshop for parents	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October (details to follow)
People and Finance Committee	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 3:45pm
Full Governors' Meeting	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 3:45pm
Nasal flu vaccinations	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Patterdale Hall for year 1 and 2	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half term break</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Parent Consultations for reception children and new children	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Curry Night at Fellbites	tbc
Theatre by the Lake trip to see Beauty and the Beast – whole school	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec
School Play	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm and 6pm
Christmas Dinner	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Party and Break Up!	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December



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**SUPPORT GROUP EVENTS 2017-18**

Please choose at least one event to help organise:

Hodgeson Brothers' Relay (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct) Maddy Teasedale key person

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Curry Night ? Micky and Jane key people

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Big Breakfast (March)

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BBQ (Friday ? May)

Year 6 parents

Epic Swim (June)

Kirsty Wright key person

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Country Fayre (Sunday ? June)

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Boundary Walk (Saturday 6th July)

Nicola Reay key person

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Please return by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to  
come to multi-sports club on Mondays after school.

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