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SWJS Newsletter

September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to our Y3 children and their families and to our new children throughout the school - you have settled in well to the routine of SWJS and you have made a great start to the school year!

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Welcome meetings - we feel these meetings are an ideal time to meet your child's new teachers; to learn about the standards of work expected in their new year group; know the homework timetable and how you can support your children in their new year group.

There will be a special parents meeting in October so that the Y3 parents can meet with the Y3 Teachers again - we do hope that you come along and see how your child has settled in at SWJS!

We will be holding more formal parents evenings in November for the whole school, these meetings will explain how your child is progressing. We do hope you will support us with these meetings as we have a strong, positive partnership with our parents which we believe is paramount to our children's learning and success.

Safeguarding notice:

In line with new safeguarding regulations, we have been advised to ensure that we have more than one emergency contact per child in school. Also, if there is a member of the family/ close family friend who regularly 'drops-off' or collects your child from school, please ensure that we hold their emergency contact details too. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

Attendance/Term Time Holidays

As you know good attendance is very important in school. There is a strong correlation between attendance and making good progress in school - this was evident in last year's Year 6 tests. However, at the end of last year, nearly one quarter of our school children had an end of year attendance lower than 95% - which is considered poor.

Already there have been days this term when we have only had 96%/97% of the school in. This causes concern for those children who require support with their education as well as them settling back into their curriculum and playing 'catch-up' with the lessons they have missed.

Term Time holidays have become a concern for the school: our Attendance Policy states that term time holidays will be considered by our Governing Body and now states that any term time holidays over 10 days will be referred to the Local Authority. Good Attendance is positively promoted within school: not only is it important for learning but helps to foster good working ethics for the future. Please ensure that you encourage good attendance with your child/ren. Please support us with good attendance - thank you!

If your child cannot attend school, it is extremely important that you contact the school office by 9.30am. The preferred method is via the Parentmail App.

School term Time dates

Click on this link for the Cumbria School Term Time Dates 2018-2019

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Inter-net/537/955/1042/4240816132.pdf?timestamp=4328310359>

Click on this link for the Cumbria School term dates 2019-2020

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Dates for the Diary:

September

- 17th Y4 & Y5 Parents Welcome Meeting
24th BAE performance - whole school to watch
'Open the Book' assembly
27th Y6 to Walney School - lesson on light
Y5 Clog Dancing workshop
28th MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

- 1st Cyclewise week starts
5th 'Book and a Biscuit' reading time, 2.45pm
9th Y6 Able Mathematicians Day, St.George's Sch
15th 'Open the Book' assembly
18th SWJS Theatre group to watch 'Oliver' at the Forum, 7pm

OCTOBER HALF TERM

(Monday 22nd Oct-Fri 26th Oct)

October

- 30th Able Writer's Day, St Columbas'
Individual School Photos
Halloween Disco, School Hall, evening

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual Coffee Morning in school on Friday 28th September 10am-11.30am in aid of MacMillan Cancer. Please could you bake cakes for our stall/bring in cakes so that we can sell these on the day. All family and friends are welcome and you can retrieve your child from class if you would like them to join you. Entertainment will be provided!

Health & safety notice:

We politely request that all Infant/ younger children to refrain from climbing on the playground gates and on the playground equipment. At the end of the day, this area is unsupervised.

Swimming

Year 6 first half Autumn Term 2018 (£23)
Year 5 second half Autumn Term 2018 (£21)
Year 4 first half Spring Term 2019 (£16.50)
Year 3 second half Spring Term 2019 (£20)
Please pay via Parentmail or send cash to the school Office.

School Uniform

Could you please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled - including coats/ jackets. Please could you also make sure that the purple polo shirts/ jumpers have the school logo on. If you have bought a shirt/ jumper/ cardigan without a school logo, we do have sew-on logo badges which are of a high quality to buy from our school office for 50p, alternatively there are places in town that sew on badges for an extra cost.

ParentMail



Keep in touch with us!

Download our parentmail app. It's free, it's easy to do and you can access all our letters, newsletters and book parents evening appointments using the app. If you require some help with this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Follow us on our school's Facebook page and Twitter account - we publish a lot of what happens on in school on here!

Healthy School

Last year our school council decided (after completing an extensive survey), that during morning playtime, children should be eating fruit. Fruit can either be brought in from home or can be bought from our 'Fruit Shop' during morning playtime. Fruit is on sale from 20p-50p each morning. Please support us with this in order to teach our children to eat healthy snacks.

Boxes of Hope

We are again sending gifts to the children in Romania. The children have had an assembly about donating items to the poor children living in difficult conditions. If you would like to make up a shoe box, please collect the items listed on the leaflets and bring the completed shoe box (with the donation for transporting) before November 1st. Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile charity.

Ulverston STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

Hands-on interactive activities and challenges throughout the day. Sat 10th Nov, Ulverston Coronation Hall, 10am-3pm. More information on their Facebook page.