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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Welcome Back!**

A warm welcome back to school! We are now settled into the Autumn term and into the routines of school.

We have already held our Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents Welcome meetings, which I hope you found useful. Our Y3 Parents Welcome meeting will be on Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct in the Y3 classroom at 3.30pm - it will once again give you the opportunity to meet the Y3 teaching team, find out about the expectations and homework requirements in Y3 and to 'check-in' with the teachers to see how your children have settled into our school - we hope to see you there!

We will be holding more formal parents evenings in November for the whole school. These meetings are made via an appointment system using our Parentmail app. We do hope you will support us with these meetings as you will be notified of your child's progress so far and how we can work together to support your children further.

### **Healthy School**

After completing an extensive survey, our School Council introduced a 'fruit only' snack for morning playtimes. 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. School Council also introduced 'Crisp Friday' to encourage children to only bring in crisps on a Friday (as part of a packed lunch or as a morning snack). Again, this is our drive to encourage children to eat healthy snacks and to eat 'treats' occasionally. Please support us with this.

### **Attendance/Term Time Holidays**

Children's attendance at school is very important for many reasons: continuity of learning, building firm relationships with friends, having good positive relationships with the class teacher, promotes good routines (in school and for the future) and helps your child to make good progress in school.

I realise that we have already been affected by various bugs, viruses and the chickenpox virus and to combat this in school we are strongly encouraging the children to have good hygiene (washing hands after going to the toilet and using the hand sanitisers in the classrooms). If your child is poorly, we will send them home to recover. 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.

Please avoid taking your children out of school during term time for holidays. Only exceptional circumstances will be authorised - regular term time holidays can trigger involvement from the Local Authority.

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 (within the school year) will be referred to the Local Authority. Please support us with good attendance - thank you!

### **School term Time dates**

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

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Intenrnet/537/955/1042/4240816147.pdf>

Click on this link for the Cumbria School term dates 2020-2021

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/elibrary/Content/Intenrnet/537/955/1042/43599144211.pdf>

## Dates for the Diary:

### September

30<sup>th</sup> Cyclewise week for Y5/6

### October

1<sup>st</sup> Yoga for Y3

3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 to Walney School for Science  
Y3 Welcome mtg, 3.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Y6 French lesson delivered by Walney MFL  
Y5 Swimming  
Book & Biscuit event, 2.45pm

8<sup>th</sup> Yoga for Y3

11<sup>th</sup> Y6 French lesson delivered by Walney MFL  
Y6 Swimming

14<sup>th</sup> 'Open the Book' assembly  
Teacher Training recruiting event, 4-5pm,  
school library

15<sup>th</sup> Yoga for Y3

16<sup>th</sup> Y5 trip to Furness Abbey

17<sup>th</sup> SWJS Theatre group to watch 'High School  
Musical' at the Forum, 7pm

18<sup>th</sup> Y6 French lesson delivered by Walney MFL  
Y6 Swimming

### OCTOBER HALF TERM

(Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct-Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct)

### October

29<sup>th</sup> Yoga for Y3  
Halloween Disco, School Hall, evening

30<sup>th</sup> Able Maths Day, Y6, St George's Sch

31<sup>st</sup> Y6 Electricity Day

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Y6 French lesson delivered by Walney MFL  
Y6 Swimming

2<sup>nd</sup> Lindy Hop dancing, Y6

5<sup>th</sup> Yoga for Y3

6<sup>th</sup> Road to Engineering event, Y6 at BAE

8<sup>th</sup> Y6 French lesson delivered by Walney MFL  
Y6 Swimming  
Raj Patel Poetry Assembly

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you very much for your support with our coffee morning. We managed to raise £350.50 for MacMillan Cancer Research.

### 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.

## 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!

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile charity.

## Ulverston STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) festival

Hands-on interactive activities and challenges throughout the day. Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, Ulverston Coronation Hall, 9am-4pm. More information on their Facebook page. This was a very popular event last year and hopes to be bigger and better this year!

## PE - earrings Y3/4

We have had a number of children with ear piercings. Our policy states that children need to be able to take out their earrings before doing PE activities. Please support us by leaving any new piercings until the summer holidays.