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Autumn Term Newsletter 11 - 02/12/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Now December has arrived, we are beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Classrooms are being decorated this week and excitement is building. Our spirits have also been lifted with announcements about the vaccine approval and we look forward with optimism.

We had 100% attendance at school on Monday and attendance overall has been high considering the circumstances - something to be celebrated. Take care.

Swimming Lessons for Year 1 and Year 2

A letter has been emailed to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 for swimming lessons, starting in January. Please can payment be made by Parentpay. Thank you.

Christmas Dates

Festive Friday 4th Dec - Children can wear Christmas jumpers and will enjoy making Christmas crafts in their classrooms. We would usually ask for donations of bottles and chocolate for our Christmas Fair Tombola rather than a donation for non-uniform. This year we would like children to bring an item that will go into a Christmas hamper titled 'A Good Night In'. Items will be quarantined in the library and Hampers will be made up and raffled on Monday 14th December. Suggestions for donations include: a bottle of something, chocolate, Christmas biscuits, popcorn, a Christmas game or colouring book, some bubble bath, crisps, hot chocolate etc. Please use your imagination and don't spend too much money.

'Raffle tickets' will be sold through **Parentpay** for £1 per ticket. You will not receive a physical ticket but your name will be entered into a virtual draw. Please support us if you can.

Festival Friday 11th Dec - Teachers will send children home with a poem to learn for our Christmas Choral Speaking Festival which will be recorded and posted on Facebook so parents can also watch. Look out for poems in book bags next week.

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to write cards to their friends and teachers as usual this year but delivery will be different. A red Christmas post box will be placed at the front gate from 1st - 11th December. Children can post cards to anyone in school but must include their full name and year group on the envelope. The cards will be delivered on 14th December. No late deliveries!

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November. Each class will have a slot in the hall which would usually be their PE slot. There will be Christmas music and dancing, followed by party games. Children will be provided with a snack and a drink in their classrooms with more festive fun. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 through **Parentpay** as we will not be asking for contributions of party food. Any children with allergies will be allowed to bring their own if parents prefer. Children can wear party clothes or non-uniform on their party day.

Tuesday 15 th Dec	Reception, Year 3, Year 6 and Year 2
Wednesday 16 th Dec	Year 1, Year 4, Year 5

Reception Class Nativity

Reception class will record their nativity and it will be posted on Facebook for parents and friends to watch.

Christingle Service

Our KS2 Christingle service will be held in classrooms and photos and snippets will be shared on Facebook.

We are planning to take children outside onto the school path and sing carols and Christmas songs when the weather allows it. Again, we will record snippets so you too can enjoy. We will decorate the path as this is visited by each class for Pennington Paces every day. If anyone has any outdoor decorations that they don't want such as garlands, bunting, baubles, please let us know.

Virtual Tour

All classes contributed to our virtual tour which is now on our Website. Miss Exley cleverly put it together and it provides a flavour of our school. It was designed, particularly with potential new families in mind, as currently we are unable to show anyone round school and have restricted visitors to students and those completing essential works. If you know anyone who will be joining us next year or who is looking for a school place, please encourage them to have a look.

School Photographs

Photographs were sent home yesterday - all orders must be placed directly with **JS Schools Photography** either online or over the phone by **Thursday 3rd December**. Parents need to visit **photos.jssp.co.uk** and enter the access code that is displayed on their proof. Alternatively, they can call the office to place an order on **01773717984** (office hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-4.30pm). All orders will be returned back to school approximately 2 weeks after the order deadline, unless parents select home delivery at checkout for an additional cost.

ORDERING AFTER THE DEADLINE - If you miss the deadline of 3rd December, you can still order online or calling the office, however a minimum £3.99 delivery charge will apply and orders will be delivered to the home address.

POST TO PARENTS - If you chose to have all orders posted direct to parents' home addresses then no completed orders will be returned back to school.

Free School Meal Eligibility

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra [**£1,320** for your child's primary school] to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

Home Learning

If there is a confirmed case of Covid 19 in any class, the children and staff from that class will have to self-isolate for 14 days. During this time, the class teacher, supported by teaching assistants will send home learning via Dojo or Tapestry. This system worked extremely well during the first lockdown and many of you thanked teachers for their support and creativity. We appreciate that it is not easy for parents to teach their own children at home, especially if they are trying to work from home at the same time. Teachers will try to support in whatever way they can so please get in touch, if you need any further advice/ support. Teachers will provide regular feedback to children which many of you commented was personal and supportive.

We will send no more than 3 hours of work a day. This will consist of an English, Maths and another task/ activity related to the curriculum.

There may be a situation where an individual or small number of children are self-isolating from one or more of our classes. In this instance, teachers will send home learning for those individuals on a daily/weekly basis. Please be aware that this may be sent after school as teachers will also be teaching the rest of their classes in school. Feedback for home learners will be less frequent.

Morale/Wellbeing

Friday 6 th November	Fruity Friday	All children in school will be provided with a free piece of fruit
Friday 13 th November	Fun Friday	All children to come to school with a joke to share with their class. These will be recorded and sent to other classes too
Friday 20 th November	French Friday	All classes will be provided with a French breakfast snack and learn some French phrases
Friday 27 th November	Factual Friday	A day of non-fiction. Children should come with a fantastic fact. These will be shared to surprise their friends
Friday 4 th December	Festive Friday	Christmas Craft Day. Children will make decorations for their classes (non-uniform - wear clothes that you don't mind getting crafty)
Friday 11 th December	Festival Friday	National Christmas Jumper Day. (please join in and wear something Christmassy). We will hold our annual Choral speaking Festival with a Christmas twist. It will be recorded so classes can watch each other on their classroom screens
Friday 18 th December	Father Christmas Friday	Hopefully the man himself may call and visit!

After School Clubs

This terms Sport with Tom will be for Year 3 and Year 4. An email has been sent out to the whole of both year groups to enable parents to give permission and pay by Parentpay.



After School Clubs - Autumn 2 2020

Day	Activity	Leader	Where?	Time
Tuesday	Year 3 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	Year 4 Sports with Tom - <u>£14.00</u>	Tom	School Playing Field Hall when wet	3.00-4.00pm

After School Club Attendance - To enable that we know your child is safe, please can you let school know if your child is not going to be able to attend their after-school club. Thank you.

Keep Fire Safe - Christmas Poster Competition



Please return to school by Monday 7th December, the competition will be judged on the 11th. The winning design will be featured on the Cumbria County Council website and the Cumbria Fire Service Facebook and Twitter pages on the 12 days leading up to Christmas

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service are asking schools across Cumbria to take part in their Christmas Fire Safety Poster Competition.

Your poster should include a firefighter, fire engine or a fire station and include one of our key safety messages:

- Test your smoke alarm
- Celebrating Safely at Christmas
- Don't overload your electrical plugs
- Cook safely in the kitchen

Pictures in landscape please!

NASAL FLU CATCH UP CLINIC DATES

If your child did not receive the nasal flu vaccine in school and is school age, Reception to Year 7, you are welcome to attend.

Catch up clinics dates for Nasal Flu are detailed below, no appointment needed:

~ BARROW ~ KENDAL ~ ULVERSTON

Venue: BARROW- 102 Dalton Lane, Barrow (bottom car park of FGH, next to Dane Garth)

- Saturday 7th November 10am-1pm
- Wednesday 18th November 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Saturday 28th November 10am-1pm
- Monday 14 December 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Wednesday 16th December 4:30pm-6:30pm

Venue: KENDAL- Black Hall Unit Westmorland General Hospital (PHYSIO ENTRANCE)

- Saturday 7th November 10am-1pm
- Saturday 28th November 10am-1pm
- Tuesday 14th December 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Thursday 16th December 4:30pm-6:30pm

Venue: ULVERSTON- Ulverston Health Centre, Stanley Street, Ulverston

- Wednesday 18th November 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Monday 14th December 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Wednesday 16th December 4:30pm-6:30pm

Please note if you are unable to attend the clinics please call 01229 409603 and we will try to help.

Child Health, School Aged Immunisations Team
Lead Immunisation Nurse - Kirsty Wilson 01539 715277
Immunisation Nurses 01539 718013 – Admin enquiries 01229 409603/409608
ncm-tr.southschoolageimmunisations@nhs.net



SOUTH LAKES E-School Nurse Video Clinics

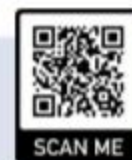
Weekly **online health support and advice** for parents, carers and professionals, **supporting children and young people aged 5-19** years old.

Monday afternoons, all day Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#), that is private, secure, confidential and convenient for you. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19



You can telephone for an appointment

0300 30 34 365

happierhealthiercommunities.

BARROW SANTA DASH 2020

YOUR SANTA DASH

a virtual event in aid of

St Mary's
Hospice



**Walk, run, jog or jingle all the way for 4k,
or more if you choose!
5th - 19th December 2020**

www.rotary-site.org/barrow-santa-dash for entry details

**Do something
special this
Christmas**



Event organised by

Rotary
Club of Furness



JUSTHELPING

**LET US COLLECT AND RECYCLE YOUR
REAL CHRISTMAS TREE in aid of**



We would welcome a donation for the collection of your tree

TO ARRANGE A COLLECTION PLEASE BOOK IN AT:

<https://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree/>

Collecting trees from POSTCODES

LA11, LA12, LA13, LA14, LA15, LA16, LA17, LA18, LA19 and LA20

To be picked up on Friday 8th January and Saturday 9th January 2021

Registrations close on Tuesday 5th January



www.charityxmastreecollection.com

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the remaining 10% donated to Barrow Foodbank





Festive Feast

Wednesday, 16th December

Menu:



Ho, ho hot turkey sandwich

OR

Festive turkey bake

Roast potatoes

Pigs in blankets



Dessert:

Santa's sticky toffee cupcake

OR

Chocolate yule log muffin

