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Start of Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome!

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a great holiday and are now ready for the excitement and challenges of the new school year ahead.

New pupils news

We are very happy to have another increased number of pupils in school this term, with a total of 87 on roll. A very special welcome goes to our new pupils and new families. **Rosie, Adam, William, Reuben, Alatheia, Esme, James, Gracie, Jack, Henry, Noah, Maya, Gabriella and Mikey have joined us in Reception; Edith is new in Y2 and Rafael and Luis in Y4.**

School organisation and staff news

Joining our staff this term we welcome **Miss Harrison** who is in charge of Class 4 while Mr Cooper is on secondment as Acting Head at Brough Primary School. We also welcome back **Miss Fisher** who will be teaching in Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays and also working as a Teaching Assistant alongside Mrs Hadwin on Wednesdays, **Mrs Quita Davies** who is supporting in Classes 2 and 4 on Mondays and Tuesdays, **Miss Lucy Ramsbottom** who is providing 1-1 learning support in Classes 2 and 1, **Mrs Yolande Nelson** providing 1-1 support in Class 1 and **Ms Jo Dunstan** supporting Class 3 on Thursday mornings. **Ms Rebecca Hodds** will support Class 4 on Tuesday mornings and will be in the office as secretary all day Monday, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. **Mrs Katrina Awesome** (formerly Mrs Hogg) will be supporting Mrs Birch for some days in Breakfast Club over the term.

As usual, our pupils will also benefit from additional weekly subject specialist teaching of French (myself), Music (new to the team, **Mrs Kate Thomas** with R/Y1 pupils on Friday afternoons; and Cumbria Music Service staff in KS2), Art (Claire Mansfield in Class 4), and PE (including Westmorland Football Club in Class 2, Mrs Jill Eccleston in Class 4 and new this term, Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club in Class 3 and Miss Jess Smith of Motion Dance with R/Y1).

Kate Thomas is also providing a new Choir club for pupils in Y2-6 on Friday lunchtimes and **Jess Smith** will run a new Street Dance Club (by popular request from pupils in our recent sports survey!) open to different age groups across the term on Wednesdays after school. Our new Sports Club on a Monday will be run by **Jill Eccleston**.

School to school support news

This term, as part of my work as an NLE (National Leader of Education)/advisor for Cumbria LA and school's designation as a National Support School, we will be providing support to a number of schools across South Cumbria for approximately 1 day per week. This will continue to bring very useful income into school and helps us to share our best practice with others.

Welcome parents' evening

Our annual information sessions will be held in school **for all parents of pupils in new classes this year on Monday 18th (Classes 1, 2 and 4) and Wednesday 20th (Class 3) September.** This will be a great opportunity for parents to visit the school and classrooms, and to meet your child's teachers for an informative chat about new routines and expectations in each year group and to discuss any questions

you might have. On Sept 18th this will be at 3.30-4pm for parents of pupils in Classes 1 and 2 and 4-4.30pm for Class 4. On Sept 20th it will be 3.30-4pm for parents of pupils in Class 3. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible in to school for this event.

Torchlight Project

Mrs Hadwin is again leading school's participation in **the Torchlight Procession Festival to be held in Kendal next Friday evening, 15th September**. The overall theme this year is Fairytales and within this, we have decided our own theme will be **The Pied Piper**, linking to the music project about this story which we will be involved in next term. We hope many of our pupils and families can attend the Torchlight event. Usually we have just about the whole of KS2! **For more details, please see the additional letter sent out to KS2 pupils this week and speak to Mrs Hadwin if you have any questions.**

Westmorland Show

Next Thursday 14th September, all KS2 and Y2 pupils will take part in **our annual visit to the Westmorland Show**. For more information, please see the additional letter about the trip sent out earlier this week. **Please remember to send in any outstanding reply slips and contributions by next Monday. We are also still in need of some more parent volunteer helpers to join us for the day – free entry to the show included! Please let us know asap if you are able to help.** Please also get in touch with school before Thursday if your child/ren are involved competing and/or exhibiting or helping with a family exhibition on the day. We are able to authorise parents to take their child/ren out of school in order to take part in this special local community event, but do need to know in advance and written notification via the reply slip, an email or letter will also be required. Thank you.

Helpers in School

We always welcome any offers of help in school from parents or other family and community members! Regular helpers to support small groups with spelling, handwriting and reading practice work in our early morning English Activities carousel in each class are especially welcome. For Classes 3 and 4 help is required from 9-9:30am on Monday-Thursday and in Classes 1 and 2 from 9:15-10am Monday-Friday. Please get in touch this week with class teachers or Rebecca in the office to let us know if you are able to help in this way, or if there are any other times or skills you would be keen to share with us. Thank You!

Extra-Curricular Clubs News

Thanks to the support of our staff, volunteers (even including some keen Y5 and Y6 pupil leaders for their own Warhammer Club!) and additional providers, we are again pleased to be able to offer this term a range of lunchtime/after school clubs to enhance our extra-curricular provision. **Please see the letter which went out earlier this week and complete and return the reply slip by next Monday, ,** to let us know which activities your child/ren are interested in. **All clubs will begin next week.**

Music Lessons

As usual, we are offering a wide range of peripatetic music tuition for pupils to learn the extremely valuable skill of playing one or more instruments. This term, we are excited to be able to include the new options of **singing or strings (violin or cello) lessons**, taught by Mrs Kate Thomas. **Please see the letter which went out earlier this week and sign up for any lessons (either to continue and/ or to start something new) using the reply slip.** We hope to see and hear even more budding young musicians in school this year!

Car parking safety reminder

With rising pupil numbers in school, traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day is becoming an increasingly challenging issue. As a priority, we are continuing to monitor this and are considering possible ideas to try to improve the situation. In the meantime, please can we remind everyone to show consideration to others, including our neighbours in the village, by **driving slowly and cautiously in the school vicinity and avoiding parking in front of all the private properties opposite the school. It is dangerous and illegal to park on the yellow zigzag lines in front of school.** Please try your best to park sensibly and always take extra care of the children and yourselves when getting in and out of vehicles, crossing the road and walking to and from school at these busy times. Thank you.

Plans for next term, diary events and updates

We have been busy planning well ahead for the new term, with lots of exciting topic work. In Classes 1 and 2 the focus is **Dungeons and Dragons**, including work about Castles, Kings and Queens to link with the History-based theme of **Victorians** in Class 3. In Class 4, there is a Geography-based theme on **Extreme Environments**. Science work will cover Materials (Classes 1, 2 and 4) and Forces and Electricity (Class 3). RE themes include Sikhism in Class 3, Hinduism in Class 4, a special 'Light' whole school multi-faith day and Harvest festival – coming up very soon! Our whole-school Christian Value this term is **Responsibility** and we have launched this with our new organisation of pupil Buddies across school, which is already having excellent benefits! We will also be working towards a production of the musical **'Oliver!'** by the whole school towards the end of term, linked to our Victorian theme in Class 3. We are all going to be very busy! As always, if you or your family or friends have any resources or ideas to share with us relevant to our topic work, please let us know.

See below for an updated list of events for your diary planned so far for the term. Further event details will be available nearer the time and please also note that some dates may still just be provisional.

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Dates for your diary September/October 2017

Monday 11th September:	After School & lunchtime clubs start Individual Music lessons start Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 12th September:	Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 13th September:	Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME! Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 14th September:	Westmorland County Show Visit for Yr2 + KS2
Friday 15th September:	Choir - Lunchtime Kendal Torchlight Event – KS2 6-8pm
Monday 18th September:	Harvest Festival Church Service – 9.15am – ALL WELCOME! Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm Parents' information evening – Class 1 & 2 – 3.30-4.00pm Class 4 – 4.00-4.30pm
Tuesday 19th September:	Beamish Trip – Class 3 Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 20th September:	Parents' information evening – Class 3 – 3.30-4.00pm Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm Kirkbie Kendal School Open Evening 5.30pm
Friday 22nd September:	Individual pupil photos – TBC Choir - Lunchtime
Monday 25th September:	Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 26th September:	Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 27th September:	Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME! Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm

Monday 2nd October:	Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 3rd October:	Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 4th October:	Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 6th October:	Choir - Lunchtime
Monday 9nd October:	Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 10th October:	Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 11th October:	Library Bus Visit – 10am Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME! Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 13th October:	Pupil Parliament for some School Council pupils, Netherwood Hotel Choir - Lunchtime
Monday 16th October:	Sports Club KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 17th October:	Football club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm Full Governors meeting – 7pm
Wednesday 18th October:	Warhammer Club 3.20 – 4.30pm Dance Club KS2 – 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 19th October:	Claire Griffel visiting to share Senegal news - afternoon
Friday 20th October:	Choir - Lunchtime END OF HALF TERM – School ends at normal time, 3.20pm.

School Term dates – 2017-18

Please note that school ends at normal time for half term holidays but at 2pm at the end of full terms.

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6 September – Tuesday 19 December

Half Term Holiday: Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4 January- Thursday 29 March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April – Friday 20 July

Half Term Holiday: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May