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Start of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a good Christmas holiday. Welcome back to school and the start of another busy term – please find the latest school news, events coming up and reminders to note below...

Pupil news

A very special welcome to new pupil **Noah Hussey (R)** and his family who have joined us this term, making us 92 pupils altogether.

Staff news

Congratulations to **Miss Harrison** for completing her probationary year as a newly qualified teacher during last term!

This term we welcome **Mrs Rachel Angus** as part-time additional teacher in Class 4 and Teaching Assistant in Classes 3 and 4. She is teaching Y5 as a separate group on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, while Miss Harrison teaches Y6. Mrs Angus will also be a TA in Class 3 and 4 on Wednesday - Friday afternoons. **Mrs Birch** continues as TA in Class 3 and 4, but just working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday rather than the full week. **Ms Rebecca Hodds** is also TA in Class 3 (Wednesday morning, Thursday all day) and Class 4 (Tuesday morning). **Miss Fisher** continues as teacher in charge of Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays. All other staffing arrangements across school remain the same as last term.

Plans for the term

Across the whole school this term, we are focusing in different ways on the Science-based theme of **Animals, including a special topic on Birds, with a visit from Silverband Falconry and our annual participation in the January RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch – so keep feeding those garden visitors in preparation for this now!** Our Christian Value focus is **Respect, including a special multi-faith event on Prayer**. In RE, KS2 are studying **Islam** and R/KS1 **Buddhism**. Any ideas or resources to help us will be welcome! If you wish to see more detailed plans for our teaching, please get in touch with individual teachers.

Next Monday, we will 'launch' our Animals topic and continue to develop our Senegal link through taking part in some exciting art workshops inspired by **Claire Griffel's new book for children, 'The Quetzal Bird' and her art and photography exhibition 'Imagine Senegal and The Quetzal'** which has been showing in Kendal since November. Y2 will also visit the exhibition at Space2Create and create some bird-inspired artwork with Claire next Wednesday (details in a separate letter from Mrs Hopkins). **Please send in an apron or old shirt/top for your child to wear during their special art sessions next week.** Look out for the resulting artwork on display in the entrance hall soon!

Marseille school link news

Today, Class 4 were thrilled to receive cards from their **new penpals at our link school, École de la Visitation in Marseille, France**. Writing replies to them will create a real focus for our weekly French lessons.

Arts Award news

Congratulations to **all pupils in Y4 and Y5 for achieving the national 'Discover' level Arts Award** through their work on our joint English/Geography project with the Wordsworth Trust in the Summer Term. In our Celebration Assembly in school this afternoon they were each presented with certificates by members of the Trust. In an exciting development this term, **Y4 will begin working towards their next level of the Arts Award ('Explore') in special new weekly Dance sessions** led by Jess Smith of Motion Dance.

Extra-Curricular clubs

This term we have an excellent, increased variety of clubs on offer - **please see the attached letter for more details and to sign up.** As ever, we are very grateful for the goodwill of staff and volunteers in organizing these extra activities and are also keen to welcome anyone who is able to help support these in or after school or has other talents/ideas to share - let us know if you are interested.

Septic Tank news

Following the flooding event last term which unfortunately caused the shared school/village hall septic tank to breakdown/overflow and school to be closed as a result, I can report that **Cumbria County Council has now completed works to repair the damage** and our tank is fully functioning again. However, this is only a temporary solution to the problem and CCC is still researching a permanent one – we will update you with more news on this when we have it.

Car parking safety reminder

We remain very much aware of the fact that traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be an increasingly challenging issue. As a priority, we are continuing to monitor this and have a Governors working party researching ideas to try to improve the situation; the traffic police are visiting to support us. In the meantime, please can we again 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.

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Dates for your diary Spring Term 2018 (more events/details to follow)

Monday 8th January

Claire Griffel leading art workshops for whole school with Senegal/birds focus – all day

Chess and draughts club Class 4 weekly – lunchtime

Sports club KS1 weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

Football club KS2 weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

Tuesday 9th January

Class 3 swimming weekly 9.10– 10.30am – Leisure centre

Y2 visit to Space2Create Senegal art exhibition & workshop with Claire Griffel - morning

Class 3 new dance/Arts Award sessions weekly: 2.15– 3.15pm

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Warhammer Club weekly 3.20– 4.30pm

Dance club KS2 weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

Mindfulness colouring club weekly - lunchtime

Choir weekly - lunchtime

Thursday 11th January

Friday 12th January

Monday 15th January

Monday 22nd January

SEN staff meeting for all teachers and TAs 3.30 – 5pm

Safeguarding staff meeting for all teachers and TAs 3.30 – 5pm

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

RSPB Big Birdwatch weekend

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Class 3 Pied Piper concert rehearsal in school – 10.30am

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Tuesday 23rd January

Wednesday 24th January

Friday 26th January

Wednesday 31st January

Monday 5th February

Wednesday 7th February

Monday 12th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 19th February

SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2ND HALF SPRING TERM

Class 4 Jill Eccleston PE afternoons weekly including bike skills
more details later

Running Club KS2 weekly 3.30-4.30pm

Governors' Finance Committee meeting – 9am

School Book Bus visit

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Dance club KS1 weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

New YR6 SATs club weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm

New YR3 – YR5 French club weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

World Book Day – events TBC

Class 3 Pied Piper Concert rehearsal, afternoon, Kendal Town Hall – more details later

Class 3 Pied Piper Concert, Kendal Town Hall – 10am & 1pm – more details later

NO SWIMMING LESSON

'Moving mountains' prayer stations event morning

Pupil Parliament meeting with Tim Farron for School Council pupils, Netherwood – all day

Kendal Pool Swimathon – more details later

'Let's get active' sports/healthy focus week – more details later

Class 4 Dance Platform event this week, Brewery – more details later

Parents' evening 1: 4– 6.30pm

Parents' evening 2: 3.30 – 5pm

Sports relief day

Open afternoon 1.30– 3.30pm – ALL WELCOME!

Easter service 1.15– 1.45pm

TERM ENDS at 2pm

Tuesday 20th February

Wednesday 21st February

Thursday 1st March

Tuesday 6th March

Wednesday 7th March

Friday 9th March

Thursday 15th March

Saturday 17th March

Monday 19th March

Tuesday 20th March

Thursday 22nd March

Friday 23rd March

Monday 26th March

Thursday 29th March

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.

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April – Friday 20 July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 7 May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

School Year dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff training day Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December

Half Term Holiday: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Spring Term 2019

Staff training day Monday 7th January

Tuesday 8th January – Friday 29th March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May