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October Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term holiday arrives, here is our latest newsletter of news to celebrate and some important information and reminders to share with all parents and carers. Everyone has settled in well to their new year groups and classes, especially our fantastic new Reception class! We have already enjoyed many exciting events and activities in our busy Autumn Term so far and achieved lots of great learning!

Job opportunity news

Please see the advert sent out yesterday for a **Part-time Administrator (6 hours)** as a job share in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (12:30-3:30pm). If you are interested, or want to find out more, please ask Angela in the office, or myself, or download the information and application form from our website www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday 2nd November and we will interview in school on Monday 5th November.

Staff news

Welcome to **Miss Madeleine Parker**, who started with us this term as a **volunteer TA** in Class 2 as well as a **Midday Supervisor** on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We also welcome back **Amy Donnini** as a **Midday Supervisor** on Mondays and Tuesdays. We have 2 new Y11 **students** from Sedbergh School, **Charly and Emily**, supporting Classes 1 and 2 on Thursday afternoons.

Lunch news

We are very pleased with the excellent start made by our truly **'Awesome' family lunches** so far this term! We have had lots of enthusiastic feedback from pupils, parents and staff (please let us know what you think!) and a very good take-up overall of around 60% of all pupils having an 'Awesome' lunch on 1 or more days each week, with an especially brilliant 86% pupils in R/KS1 and 37% in KS2. We hope to see even more pupils taking school lunches as the term progresses – a hot midday meal is a real boost as the days get chilly and they are now even easier to order with our new online ParentPay system. We hope that everyone has received their ParentPay letter this week – please contact the office if you missed this or require help with it. The new system should facilitate both your own and our office's organisation of payments to school and we plan to move to using it for all trips etc in the near future.

Parents' evenings

Many thanks to all of you who came to our recent **parents' information evenings**: in September, to share details about your child's **new class and/or year group**. In early November, we are holding **parents' consultation evenings**, which are another good opportunity to meet staff in school and share your child's progress. Watch out for more information about this at the start of next half term.

Other important events coming up next half term...

Please see the attached updated diary dates for reminders, some date changes and new events. ... there is a lot to fit in before Christmas! In particular, **please note the KS2 trip coming up on the Tuesday straight after half term – don't forget to bring in your letter reply slips on Monday 29th Oct** to enable you to attend!

Special events news from the last half term...

We have been so busy, the term has flown by so far! As well as getting down to work in the classroom, pupils' learning has been actively inspired by many exciting visits and events. These are all beautifully documented on our school Facebook page (which can also be accessed via the school website at www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk), but highlights have included visits to the **Westmorland Show** by KS2 and

the **Ulverston Buddhist Temple** by R/KS1. We enjoyed a lovely **Harvest Festival** service in church, ably led by our Collective Worship Committee and providing a huge amount of food gifts for local charities as well as a collection of £87 to begin our fundraising project for the charity **Help for Heroes** this term – as part of our work on the World War centenary and our value of Peace; a big thank you to all who contributed. Lots of our KS2 pupils participated with great enthusiasm in the **Kendal Torchlight Festival** (creating a fantastic float presentation of Roald Dahl's 'Enormous Crocodile' for our joint entry with Felltarn Friends and St John's Hospice, accompanied by MP Tim Farron!) and **QKS Cross-Country Races** – including achieving several top 20 places, despite coming from one of the smaller Kendal schools! Some fabulous artwork was also created and proudly displayed in the NatWest bank in Kendal as part of the '**Comic Art**' festival with a WW1 theme – watch out for seeing these up on display again in school and church in November. In-school special events have included a wonderful **WW2 evacuee school day** for Y5/6 (well done for the fantastic costumes and gas masks everyone!), a very special **planting in the school field of 'Eva's oak' by Y5** – a tree in memory of Eva May Hadwin and the arrival of a real-live **wormery in Class 2** as part of their Minibeasts and tunnels project! Many thanks to all staff and parents who helped to organise these visits and events and came along to support us.

Arts Awards News

Many congratulations to Y5 for all achieving the **Explore Level Arts Award**, following assessment of their project work in Dance with Jess Smith of Motion Dance over the Spring and Summer Terms. This is a brilliant achievement, as this nationally-recognised award level is usually only gained by secondary-age pupils! We are all very proud of them and it was fantastic to celebrate and share their news and certificates in Celebration Assembly earlier this term.

PTA News

Many thanks to all parents and friends who were able to attend the **PTA meeting** in September and to the PTA for organising a very popular **Movie Night** and **Friday cake stall**. This half term we are very grateful to the PTA for funding towards one of our new interactive whiteboards and new resources in Class 1.

New Building, Resources and Repairs News

Learning in Classes 1 and 4 has been hugely enhanced by the use of their amazing **new interactive whiteboards** – many thanks to generous donations from the PTA and Old Hutton 'Mole Fund' which helped us to purchase these; a further kind donation from the Milner Trust is enabling us to get 2 more boards to go into Classes 2 and 3 as soon as possible. We are very happy to report that school has now got a completed **new flat roof** and beautiful **new library room!** The library is now being worked on further inside, with visits from Cumbria Library Service staff to re-organise the shelves and remove old and worn-out books. **It would be brilliant if we could have a few parent helpers please to assist with this task in the morning of Friday 2nd November – let Angela know in the office if you are able to come in to help us.** Y6 pupils are then going to be taught how to be librarians and look after this excellent new resource. The latest **septic tank** works have also been finished, with the tank now raised up out of the way of floods and also screened off to reduce the increased visual and potential noise impact on our playground, forest school and Pre-School which the raising of the tank has then caused. Unfortunately, our main **adventure playground** area on the field remains out of bounds as we are still awaiting repairs works, without which it is unsafe; some works were carried out this week, but further work is still to be done, hopefully very soon after half term.

Home-time and use of the bus reminders

A reminder that all parents must **please inform school beforehand if there is ever any change to your normal arrangements for who collects your child/ren from school** at the end of the day, as well as if they are to stay in After School Club. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please also note that for safety and insurance reasons, **we are not allowed to have any children travelling to or from school on the school bus who do not normally go on it – it is only for use by pupils who already have an organised bus pass.**

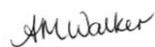
Stop the Power Station Campaign News

Many thanks to all families who joined the special **walk** organised on 21st Sept by the 'Stop Old Hutton Power Station' group, accompanied by MP Tim Farron to raise awareness of the potential impact on our community of the plans to build a new gas-fired power station in Old Hutton. If you wish to find out more, visit the group's Facebook page and **anyone can register an objection via the SLDC planning portal or just Google SL/2018/0388.** The next area planning meeting to discuss the proposals is to be held on November 2nd and parent governor Helen Loney is speaking on behalf of the school at this.

Car parking safety reminders news

With rising pupil numbers in school, traffic congestion and parking outside school at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be a challenging issue. As a priority, we are continuing to monitor this and consider possible ideas to try to improve the situation. **District councillor Hazel Hodgson** is currently helping us to look at possible additional car park and/or bus solutions. Parent Sam Scarr is organising our **car share buddies scheme** – so far with a small uptake of families, but every little helps! Contact Sam at willsam23@hotmail.co.uk if you are able to join. Don't forget that you can also help the situation by dropping off children early at our **full or half Breakfast Club (from either 8am or 8:30am)** or our popular **Monday 8:30am Weekly Mile Running Club**. 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.

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Diary Dates for next half term

Monday 22nd October

Monday 29th October

Tuesday 30th October

Wednesday 31st October

Thursday 1st November

Friday 2nd November

Monday 5th November

Tuesday 6th November

Wednesday 7th November

Thursday 8th November

Friday 9th November

Tuesday 13th November

Wednesday 14th November

Thursday 15th November

Friday 16th November

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2ND HALF AUTUMN TERM

Weekly Mile continues weekly - 08.30-08.50am

Chess and draughts club continues weekly Class 4 – lunchtime

Football Club weekly KS2 - 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Buddhist temple visit, Ulverston

Singing & Signing Club continues weekly – lunchtime

Homework Club continues weekly Class 4 - 3.30-4.30pm

Jules Wooding visit from Museum of Military Life, Whole School

Eco Club continues weekly KS1 & KS2 - lunchtime

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Warhammer continues weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm

Dance club starts weekly KS2 3.30– 4.30pm

Pupil Parliament at Netherwood

Mindfulness Colouring Club continues weekly. Y1-Y6 - lunchtime

Closing date for School Admin (6 hours) post

Choir continues weekly .Y1-Y6 - lunchtime

Biking continues weekly. KS2 - 3.20-4.15pm

Dave Nelson visit – Help for Heroes, whole school

Interviews for Admin post

WW1 Play in a day, Class 4, Konflux theatre, with performance for parents at 2.45pm – ALL WELCOME!

5-7pm Parents evening

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Keith Wood leading Collective Worship in school – The British Legion/L Post – 1pm

Remembrance Service in Church 10.45-11.15am – ALL WELCOME

3.30-5pm Parents evening

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

PTA movie night

Kendal Mountain Festival, Class 4

Collection day for Boxes of Hope

Monday 19th November
Wednesday 21st November
Tuesday 27th November
Wednesday 28th November

Friday 30th November

Wednesday 5th December
Tuesday 11th December

Wednesday 12th December
Monday 17th December
Tuesday 18th December
Wednesday 19th December
Thursday 20th December
Friday 21st December

Monday 7th January
Tuesday 8th January

NO FOOTBALL CLUB

Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
KS2 Theatre visit – Wind in the Willows, Kendal
QKS KS2 RE day – More details later
Nasal Flu immunisations for R-Y5 in school
Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Christingle Service in Church 2.45pm – ALL WELCOME!
Advent crafts organised by the church in Village Hall for families, after school
Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
School Christmas Production: The Sound of Music – New Hutton Village Hall Matinee & 6.30pm performance – ALL WELCOME!
Open The Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
NO FOOTBALL CLUB
Christmas Nativity KS1 for pre school and parents in church 2.30pm
Natwest Carol singing – TBC
Christmas parties - TBC
Christmas Carol Service in Church 1.45pm – ALL WELCOME!
TERM ENDS AT 2PM
INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
Spring term starts

School Term dates – 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

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

Good Friday Holiday: Friday 19th April

Easter Monday Holiday: Monday 22nd April

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

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