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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. I can already report that we have had a super first week of term, with everyone settling brilliantly into their new classes and routines – well done! Special mention goes to our Y6 pupils for being excellent buddies to the new starters in Reception, helping them all make a wonderful beginning to school life in our Old Hutton family.

New pupils news

We are very excited to have another increased number of pupils in school this term, with a total of 102 on roll, which means we are just about full to capacity! A very special welcome goes to our new pupils and new families. **Poppy, Maisy, Florence, Ella, Katy, Jessica, Joseph, Ariana, Felicity, Archie, Samir, Luke, Harris, Sophie and Corey have joined us in Reception; Esme is new in Y1; James and Emily are new in Y2; Alfie, Owen and Eleanor in Y3 and Erin and Owen in Y4.**

School organisation and staff news

Joining our staff this term we welcome **Miss Hope Dawson** who is now in charge of Class 3 all week. **Mrs Hadwin** has moved to teach Y5 pupils all day Monday (with Y6 in the afternoon) and on Tuesday to Thursday mornings; she also takes on the new role of Assistant Head, with Tuesday afternoons in the office for leadership time. **Miss Harrison** teaches Class 4: Y6 Monday to Thursday morning and Y5/6 Monday to Thursday afternoons and all day Friday. Another change to our staffing is that **Mrs Angus** will be teaching Class 1 (Reception) on Wednesday mornings, instead of **Mrs Hayes**, who will not be in school at all on Wednesdays. Mrs Angus and Mrs Halliwell will support our new dance teacher, **Miss Kate Threlfall** with Reception and Y1 pupils on Wednesday afternoons.

Students in school

We welcome **Miss Joanna Young** as our new student teacher on the Kendal School Direct teacher training programme this term. Miss Young worked in school as a volunteer teaching assistant last term, so is already well known by the staff and KS2 pupils; she is now joining the Class 4 teaching team. We also welcome **Miss Madeleine Parker** as a trainee teaching assistant from Kendal College; she will be in Class 2 on Wednesdays and Thursday afternoon, as well as taking on the role of Midday Supervisor on both days.

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 continuing to provide support to a number of schools across 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.

Awesome lunch news!

Everyone is enjoying our super new '**Awesome Family Lunches**' in the Village Hall, just launched this week! The new routines are becoming established and lots of tasty food is being shared, from hot pasta pots, hummous and French bread pizza to Grasmere gingerbread and glittering fruit jellies (yes – they really do glitter!). A huge thank you to Katrina and John Awesome and our staff team for all their hard work and extra time put in helping to make this new project a success!

Job vacancies in school – Midday Supervisory Assistant/s

With our new lunch system and increased pupil numbers, we are now **urgently in need of additional Midday Supervisory Assistant/s to help at lunchtimes**. Ideally, this would be from 12:30-1:30pm on Mondays and/or Tuesdays and would mainly involve helping to tidy up after the pupils have finished lunch. Please get in touch as soon as possible if you, or anyone you know might be interested or would like any more information about this role.

Volunteers in school

We are always keen to welcome your help in school! Many thanks to everyone who already comes in to help us: from listening to readers, to helping support pupils in our early-morning English Activities carousel (9-9:30am Classes 3 and 4; 9-9:50am Classes 1 and 2, Monday-Thursdays), in forest school or class lessons or with preparing displays and resources. Please get in touch with the office or class teachers if you have any time to spare or resources or talents to share with us. **We are especially looking for a volunteer helper or two for our Friday music afternoons with Reception and Y1 pupils.**

Peanut allergy alert!

Please note that we have a parent with a severe nut allergy in school. This means we must request that no nuts or nut products are brought in to school in packed lunches or at other times. Thank you.

Drinking water in school

It is important that everyone has regular opportunities to drink water to stay healthy and well-hydrated through the day, especially when the weather is warm. Please **ensure that your child brings a re-fillable water bottle** (plastic – no glass bottles please) in to school every day. This should be filled with **plain water**, not juice or fizzy drinks. It is helpful if the bottle is also named.

Extra-curricular, Breakfast and After-School Clubs

A reminder that we offer wrap-around care at the beginning and end of the school day via our many popular clubs. **After-School Club** is from 3:20-5:15pm daily (£10 full session, or a reduced fee for a shorter session); **Breakfast Club** runs from either 8am (£4, with a breakfast included) or 8:30am (£1, without breakfast) until 8:50am. **Please note and keep to these start times – we are not able to take children in to school for the shorter Breakfast Club option before 8:30am. Please also note that we need attendance at both these Clubs to be booked at least a week in advance via the School Office.** We also offer many exciting **extra-curricular clubs** after school from 3:30-4:15/30pm throughout the week, as well as lunchtime clubs – **see the additional letter sent out this week for more information and to sign up!** Many thanks to all the staff (and pupils leading their own Warhammer Club!) who generously give their time to organise these for us. **Most extra-curricular clubs will begin next week.**

Building works, library and new whiteboard news

There have been some major refurbishment works going on in school over the summer holidays! Cumbria County Council have funded a **replacement roof** above Classes 1, 2 and 3 and the corridor/offices, plus a new roof for the Library. These works are to be completed by the end of next week. **The Library** has also been repaired/re-plastered following years of damage from the old leaking roof – it is looking lovely! We are now beginning our project to replace the old library books and re-furbish the new library as part of a whole school focus this year on Reading. We have also begun a much-needed **refurbishment of both the girls' and boys' toilets**, with the old toilets, floors and boys' toilet door being replaced over the summer; there are new hand dryers and mirrors too. More new doors and sink units will arrive soon and full re-decoration should take place by the end of this half term. Thanks to all pupils for sharing their ideas for 'bathroom redecoration' at the end of last term; we have been especially inspired by the popular sea theme... wait and see how this develops over the coming weeks! Another exciting change has been **the installation of 3 new interactive whiteboards**, replacing the very old versions in Classes 1 and 4 and adding a completely new one in the assembly area of Class 4, also helping to create the new classroom area for Y6. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for funding £1000 towards the whiteboards and also to the Old Hutton 'Mole Fund' for their very generous grant of £2000, which bought us a whole new board! We aim to replace the boards in Classes 2 and 3 later in the year.

Welcome parents' evening

Our annual information sessions will be held in school **for all parents of pupils in new classes and/or new to the school this year on Monday 17th 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. **This will be at 3.30-4pm for parents of pupils in Class 1, 4-4.30pm for Class 2, 4.30-5pm for Class 4 and 5-5:30pm for Class 3.** We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible in to school for this event.

Torchlight Project

The PTA is leading school's participation in **the Torchlight Procession Festival to be held in Kendal next Friday evening, 14th September.** The overall theme this year is 'Famous Books and Authors' and within this, the PTA have teamed up with Felltarn Friends and St. John's Hospice to create a float inspired by Roald Dahl's 'The Enormous Crocodile'. Local MP, Tim Farron, will also be taking part on the float! There are still some spaces on the float for pupils in KS2. **For more details, please ask in school for a copy of the letter sent out at the end of last term, or speak to PTA members.**

Westmorland Show

Next Thursday 13th September, all KS2 will take part in **our annual visit to the Westmorland Show**. For more information, please see the additional letter about the trip sent out this week. **Please remember to send in reply slips on Monday. We are 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 let us know 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 is required. Thank you.

Car Share Buddies Scheme and car parking reminder

Don't forget that parent **Sam Scarr is now organising a car share buddies scheme** to further help with our ongoing car parking issues around school and improve our environment. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to get involved in this excellent idea! Please contact Sam via school or on her mobile: 07917716070 for more information or to sign up. We would like to remind all parents to park sensibly at the beginning and end of the school day and take great care when walking to and from vehicles and also when driving through the village. Please do not park in front of the other properties opposite school or illegally on the yellow zig-zag lines. Thank you.

Power station proposal update

As I am sure you are aware, Old Hutton parish is currently being re-considered as the site for a new gasfired electricity power station. Our school governors have submitted an objection to the South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) planning committee, on the basis of concerns about potential pollution, damage to the local environment and road traffic increase. Should any parents wish to register their objection, this is very easy to do, just Google: SL/2018/0388. Objections need to be registered before the next SLDC planning meeting on 24th October. For further information, please contact the STOP Old Hutton Power Station Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stopoldhuttonpowerstation/?ref=page>

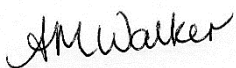
The STOP Old Hutton Power Station campaign group is also organising a family and community walk to visit and raise awareness about the local area which will be affected by the proposal; this is to be held on Friday 21st September, beginning in the Church car park at 3;30pm – all welcome.

Plans for the term, diary events and updates

We have been busy planning well ahead for the new term, with lots of exciting topic work. We have History -based topic themes on the **early 20th century and World Wars** in Class 4, a Geography theme of **Around the World/Fairtrade**, plus the World Wars, in Class 3; and a Science focus on **Minibeasts** in Class 1 and 2. Across KS2 Science, the focus will be **Materials**. In RE, the whole school is studying **Buddhism** (with visits planned to the Ulverston Buddhist temple for all pupils) and our Christian Value for the term is **Peace**. 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

Monday 10th September

Weekly Mile starts weekly - 08.30-08.50am
Midday Supervisor training with Lyz Duclos – 1:30-2:30pm
Chess and draughts club starts weekly Class 4 – lunchtime
Football Club weekly KS2 - 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 11th September

Singing & Signing Club starts weekly – lunchtime
Homework Club starts weekly Class 4 - 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 12th September

Eco Club starts weekly KS1 & KS2 - lunchtime
Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Warhammer starts weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Open night for 2019 YR7 (current Y6 & parents) at QES – 6:30pm

Thursday 13th September	Westmorland Show visit – KS2 – all day
Friday 14th September	Mindfulness Colouring Club starts weekly. Y1-Y6 - lunchtime Choir starts weekly .Y1-Y6 - lunchtime Biking starts weekly. KS2 - 3.20-4.15pm
Saturday 15th September	Kendal Torchlight Carnival – evening (for details, see PTA letter)
Monday 17th September	Kendal Torchlight street party – event for families in Kendal Midday Supervisor training with Lyz Duclos – 1:30-2:30pm Parents information evening for new classes/pupils: 3:30pm Class 1, 4pm Class 2, 4:30pm Class 4, 5pm Class 3
Wednesday 19th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME! Dance Club starts weekly KS1 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 20th September	Governors monitoring visit to school (SDP2 English) - morning
Friday 21st September	School photographer (individual and families) - morning
Monday 24th September	NO FOOTBALL CLUB
Wednesday 26th September	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Monday 1st October	Harvest Service in Church 9:15-9:45am – ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 10th October	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Friday 12th October	Governors Finance Committee meeting – 11am
Tuesday 16th October	Full Governing Body meeting - 6.30pm
Wednesday 17th October	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 18th October	R/KS1 Buddhist temple visit, Ulverston – more details later
Friday 19th October	Claire Griffel visiting school with Senegal link update – 2:45pm PTA Cake Stall – 3.20
Monday 22nd October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 29th October	SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2ND HALF AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 30th October	KS2 Buddhist temple visit, Ulverston – more details later

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

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

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