



NEWSLETTER

Our new play areas

The children have been really enjoying our new play areas in the lovely Autumn sunshine. It is lovely to see them having more space to play and be really energetic and creative on the field and in the wild area at the bottom of the field. We have now reviewed lunchtimes and playtimes and made a few changes to ensure that all children have a great playtime.

- Reception and Year 1 children will now play in the top playground with the climbing frame and cars/bikes etc at lunchtime as well as breaktime. They will be able to play on the field in the afternoon when it is just their class out. We feel that at this stage in the year, it enables staff to keep a closer eye on them and engage the children in play. We will keep this under review throughout the year.
- If children in Years 2-6 bring wellies to change into, then they may play anywhere on the field and in the wooded area. If children do not have wellies, they must stay on the path or climbing frame and playground areas. (Unless it is very dry underfoot). This is to prevent shoes getting covered in mud.

Open afternoon

We have advertised an open afternoon for prospective parents next Monday afternoon, 10th October from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Please invite anyone you know with a little one due to start school or Nursery next year. Fliers are available in the entrance hall.

Curriculum evening

A lot of parents have already signed up to come to our Curriculum evening next Monday at 6.30pm. It is a great opportunity to find out how we teach different subjects, what you can do to help at home and how and why assessments and reports have changed. There will also be an opportunity for you to look around all the classes and see work on display and look at expectations for each year group. If you are unable to make this day and time but would be interested in it being repeated one morning, please let me know.

Handmade Herd

You will remember that last year the children had a fantastic arts morning with Anne Marie Quinn, a local artist as part of an arts project raising awareness of dementia. **Next Tuesday**, she is coming back to do a session with all children as part of their new project creating a 'Handmade Herd' – a flock of hand made sheep that will be displayed in front of Abbot Hall gallery as part of the Kendal wool gathering. We have been asked to **collect wools or scraps of felt in grey, brown, white and cream**. If you are able to help, please can you place these in the box in the entrance hall.

Harvest celebration in school

Next Wednesday at 2.45pm, we will be having our Harvest celebration. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on all the things that we have to be thankful for, as we think about the tradition of Harvest-time. As in previous years, we would like to collect items for the local food banks. This year, we have been told that they have plenty of dried goods, pasta etc and are really in need of tins. We would also like to give the children an opportunity to give to a children's charity (Save the children) supporting children in the most needy parts of the world. The older children are certainly aware of things that are on the news that affect children, like wars and hurricanes and this is a way that they can feel they are making a difference. If you are able to support this please send in silver coins (5p, 10p, 50p) and we will make a silver river around a map of the world. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Parent –teacher individual meetings

We are holding our consultation meetings where you can discuss your child's progress with teachers, on Tuesday 18th October. There are forms to sign for a time-slot in the school entrance. If You are unable to make that day, please speak to the teacher about an alternative time that suits you.

Healthy Snacks

In line with our Healthy school policy and national guidance, we ask that children only bring snacks for breaktime that are low in sugar and fat. (No crisps, fruit bars, concentrated fruit). We offer fruit free to all KS1 children and encourage others to bring fruit. We do recognise that it is a long time from breakfast to lunch and you may wish to send crackers or a cereal bar. That is fine, but please do not send chocolate coated ones. This is always going to be a bit of a grey area and at the end of the day, we leave this to parent's discretion, bearing the guidelines above in mind.

Village Hall car parking

The village hall is now booked for different groups throughout the week. I have been asked by the village hall committee to request that parents do not leave cars in the car park. They are happy for parents to park there at drop-off and pick-up times, but ask that they are then removed by 9.15am, and not left there whilst you do other things in the village.

School Angel

School budgets are again facing further cuts, so we really need to find other ways of continuing to provide all the experiences and equipment that we are at present. Using the school angel website is an easy way to help school when you are shopping on-line. Thank you to all those who have used it already. Please give it a go ... it is very easy and straightforward and links to many major retailers- just click on the shop logo. Sheet attached.

*Best wishes,
Sarah Coleman*

Dates:

Monday 10 th October	Open afternoon 1.30pm-3.00pm NO PE
Monday 10 th October	Curriculum evening for parents
Tuesday 11 th October	PE afternoon
Wednesday 12 th October	Year 2&3 Trip to Brewery Art's centre
Wednesday 12 th October	Harvest celebration 2.45pm- Parents welcome
Thursday 13 th October	Years 5 and 6 to 'Joseph and the amazing technicolour dream coat -Mary Wakefield festival
Thursday 13 th October	Toddler taster session 10.30am
Monday 17 th October	Special 'reading week'
Tuesday 18 th October	PCSO Debbie Ross – safety talk for children, Halloween and fireworks safety
Tuesday 18 th October	Parent's evening – individual appointments
Wednesday 19 th October	CPPSSA High 5 netball 1-3pm Year 5&6 team
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	Half-term
Friday 4 th November	FOLS fancy dress Halloween party for children and parents- look out for poster

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