



NEWSLETTER

We've had such a fun and busy first half term. All staff have been working hard to provide the children with a wide range of experiences in order to ignite new passions and inspire our pupils.

Art Week

We had a lovely Art Week. Year 5 and 6 planned and led art activities for the rest of the school covering a range of skills. We also had Mr Hill, a local clay artist, in to work with each class. All classes did their own art activities throughout the week such as KS2 creating amazing mountains linking to their Geography work. In a recent School Council meeting, the children said how much they enjoyed this week and we discussed doing more subject weeks later in the year.

Castle Head Days

Year 5 and 6 paired up with Selside School and did a Leadership Day which involved building communication and teamwork skills through high ropes challenges and canoeing. Year 3 and 4 worked on confidence and resilience through orienteering, an obstacle course and team building challenges. Reception, Year 1 and 2 worked together on activities like the low ropes, map work and den building.

FOLS

It looked like everyone had a great time at the autumn party and the uniform and bake sale. FOLS organise lots of fun events for the children in order to raise money for school. Without FOLS, we wouldn't be able to offer all of the trips and experiences that we do. FOLS need new members. Let Mrs Wood know if you are interested in helping to raise money for school with FOLS.

Snacks and lunches

I've noticed that there are some children eating whole grapes and tomatoes. These are a serious choking hazard. Please ensure that items such as these are cut in half for all ages. Thank you.

Lost property

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Toys

Unless agreed between a parent and class teacher for a special reason, the children shouldn't be bringing any toys from home into school please.

Start of the Day

Each morning the doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. Each class does morning activities from 8:50 – 9 which is a really key time for children to finish/correct work and take part in interventions.



Let your light shine

Christmas Play

We have started putting things into place for our Christmas Play! The whole school are coming together for the play this year.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on Tuesday 1st November. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you need an alternative date.

Computing

I'm pleased to tell you that Mrs O'Kane will join us after the holidays to work with year 5 & 6 and year 1 & 2 in computing. For those of you who don't know Mrs O'Kane, she used to work at school and is a computing specialist who has now developed her own successful scheme of work. At School Council, the children voiced how much they enjoy computing and were excited by the prospect of having Mrs O'Kane in again.

Clubs

Mrs Watson (KS2) and Miss Barker (KS1) will be starting gymnastics club after the half-term holiday. They will send a sign-up letter after the holidays. Mrs Law's Young Voices club will continue on a Wednesday starting 2nd November.

Early finish

On Tuesday 20th December, school will close at 2pm for the end of term. There will be no Fun Club that day.

Who's who?

We have some new faces in school so now that we've settled into the new school year, I'd like to tell you a bit more about who is working across school. We are very lucky at Lindale that we have many teaching assistants working with us who have also trained as teachers. If you have any concerns about your child regarding learning, friendships or anything else, the class teacher is the first person to talk to. If you have further concerns, then please make an appointment to see me or I am also contactable by email.

As some members of staff work across classes, I have split the staffing into key stages.

Mrs Wood: Office manager

Nursery, Reception and KS1

Mrs Law: Year 1 and 2 Class Teacher

Miss Barker: Early Years Class Teacher

Miss Snelson: Teaching Assistant

Mr Rodgers: Teaching Assistant (teacher)

Miss Miles: Trainee Teacher

KS2

Mrs Watson: Year 3 and 4 Class Teacher

Mrs Curwen: Year 5 and 6 Class Teacher

Mrs Lishman: Senior Teaching Assistant

Mrs Coulston: Teacher Assistant / HLTA who is also a teacher and takes KS2 Music and Y 5/6 HeartSmart

Miss Dickinson: Teaching Assistant/HLTA who also trained as a teacher and is taking KS2 for Geography History and Y3/4 HeartSmart

Madame Cook: Specialist French Teacher

Miss Seale: Teaching Assistant

I hope you all have a lovely half-term!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Curwen

Dates:

Friday 21 st October	Break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	Return to school Deadline for Year 6 applications to secondary school
Tuesday 1 st November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2 nd November	Swimming starts for year 3, 4 and 5
Friday 4 th November	Dr Kelly Science with KS2
Tuesday 29 th November	Whole School trip to see Sleeping Beauty at Kendal College – letter to follow
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Play Evening Performance
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Play Afternoon Performance
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner and class parties
Friday 16 th December	Church Visit for Christingle
Tuesday 20 th December	School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays (No Fun Club)
Wednesday 4 th January	Children back in school