



NEWSLETTER

The children have been settling into their new classes and have been enjoying playing outside whatever the weather! Welcome to the new reception pupils who all look very smart in their uniforms. We've started the year talking about our school community and the importance of working together to make a school a wonderful place to be. This newsletter has some celebrations, some new information and some reminders of our routines.



Welcome to Mrs Barnsley

Mrs Barnsley has joined us as Year 5 and 6 Class Teacher and Interim Head while I take maternity leave. We are currently undertaking an in-depth handover period. My planned last day before maternity leave is 6th October.

Class Teachers

Below are our teachers and their classes. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please come to their class teacher in the first instance.

Miss Barker: Reception (and Nursery in the afternoons)

Mrs Law: Year 1 and 2

Mrs Watson: Year 3 and 4

Mrs Barnsley: Year 5 and 6

Westmorland County Show

It looked like a great day at the Westmorland Show and the sun was even shining! The children enjoyed watching the Sheep Show together and the 'axe men' felling trees and bursting water balloons. All enjoyed seeing the animals. Quote from a child when asked what his favourite part was: "My favourite was all of it."



SEN Information Report

We are reviewing our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information Report which is intended to be a user-friendly document where parents and visitors can find answers to frequently asked questions. We would love your input. If you have any questions that you feel are missing from the report, please fill in the form below by Friday 22nd September. Please note that this is a general document that is on our website;

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if you have questions specific to your child, please direct them to their class teacher or our SENCO (Mrs Curwen or Mrs Barnsley whilst I'm on maternity).

Current SEND Information Report: <https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability-information-Sept-2023-2.pdf>
Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/SeaXnkaMdp>

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality is important for a range of reasons. When children miss time out of school, it has an effect on both academic progress and social aspects. The doors open in the morning at 8.45am and close at 8.50am. Entry after this time should be through the main entrance. Children are marked late in the register if they arrive after 8.50am. This year, if your child is aged 5+ there will be more formal communication regarding attendance and lateness as needed. This will follow the attendance and lateness flowcharts on the last two pages of our policy (found on our website) <https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Attendance-Policy-and-Procedures.pdf>

Each of the classes have a morning routine between 8:45 and 9am which I've detailed below. If children are late, they miss out on this key time. For example, if a child is 10 minutes late each day, they miss 50 minutes a week out of key learning time. Starting from Monday 25th September, the adult admitting late children into school will ask the adult for the reason for being late and record this along with the time. Further action will be taken if needed following the flowchart above. For safety reasons, it's important that adults accompany their child into the main entrance if they are late as there is no adult supervision in the playground and the office is not always manned.

8:45 – 9am routines:

Early Years and KS1: Start the day with handwriting practice which is a vital time to develop this skill.

Year 3 and 4: Review and correct work from the day before and then complete comprehension quizzes on Read Theory.

Year 5 and 6: Complete comprehension quizzes on Read Theory and review and correct work from the day before.

Registration time is also often used as a time to listen to readers and change books.

VIP, Star of the Week and the Shine Tree

If your child comes home in a blue jumper/polo shirt, they are VIP for the week! They will have some special privileges in their classes and a VIP certificate. If your child is VIP, families are invited to a special assembly at 9am that Friday. If you need more notice for your child's VIP assembly, please talk to their class teacher who will try their best to accommodate this.

Each Friday, teachers hand out a Star of the Week who will receive a certificate and recognition in Friday's celebration assembly. Teachers also choose someone who has let their light shine for the Shine Tree. This can be for a variety of reasons e.g. being kind, helpful, a good role model, polite or sharing a talent. Chosen children will receive a 'candle' to hang on the Shine Tree and a sticker to take home.

Wednesdays

Just a reminder that Mrs Wood doesn't work Wednesdays and the admin email isn't checked. If you have an important message for school, please leave an answer machine message which are picked up throughout the day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am. The children have a morning snack and enjoy time to play and socialise, usually outside weather permitting. We often find that Breakfast Club helps some children to settle into the school day. Contact Claire or Lucy at Lindale Muddy Boots Nursery (015395 32208) to book your child in.

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Fun Club Bookings

Fun Club runs every day from the end of school until 5.30pm. If you would like your child to attend Fun Club, please book them in through the office. We always pick up phone messages and the admin email address is checked on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On a Wednesday, please leave a phone message rather than an email. You can book your child into Fun Club in advance or on the day. If you are booking your child in later in the afternoon for that day, by phone is ideal. More information on Fun Club and Breakfast Club can be found here: <https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>

Earrings and PE

For safety reasons, earrings can't be exposed during PE lessons. If your child can remove their earrings themselves, they will be asked to do this. If earrings can't be removed, they will be covered for PE using microporous tape.

Volunteering

Please let your child's class teacher know if you or a member of your family are interested in volunteering in school to listen to readers. If you have a passion or skill that you would like to share with the children either during school time or as an after-school club, we would be really interested to hear about it. For example, in the past our pupils have enjoyed learning about bee keeping, listening to and playing the harp, and cooking.

Save the Date

Some important dates for your diary. More information about these will go out closer to the time. Please also see the dates section below.

Harvest Festival: Friday 6th October 9:15am (All classes to show work)

Reading Curriculum Evening for parents 5 – 6pm: Tuesday 17th October

Parents Evening: Thursday 2nd November

Priorities for this Year

We are always looking for ways to improve and we have identified some key priorities to work on this year. I've outlined some of our main priorities below:

- Development of our curriculum with a focus on foundation subjects
- Focus on KS2 reading
- Review of our behaviour policy to make it more accessible and user-friendly
- Continued focus on Maths and English including closing gaps through catch up interventions

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen

PTO for diary dates

Dates

Mon 18 th Sept	KS2 Football session with Jim Bone (specialist coach)
Mon 25 th Sept	KS2 Football session with Jim Bone (specialist coach)
Mon 2 nd Oct	Basketball morning with Paul Sturgess (former British basketball player)
Mon 2 nd Oct	KS2 Football session with Jim Bone (specialist coach)
Mon 3 rd Oct	Year 5 and 6 Priory Day
Fri 6 th Oct	Harvest Festival 9:15am
Mon 9 th Oct	KS2 Football session with Jim Bone (specialist coach)
Mon 16 th Oct	KS2 Football session with Jim Bone (specialist coach)
Tues 17 th Oct	Reading curriculum evening for parents 5 – 6pm
Tues 17 th Oct	Individual school photos
Weds 18 th Oct	East Africa Talks
Friday 20 th Oct	Cartmel Priory School KS2 science session
Mon 23 rd Oct	Half-term week
Tues 31 st Oct	Year 5 and 6 Leadership Day at Castlehead
Weds 1 st Nov	Year 3 – 5 swimming begins
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Nasal Flu
Thurs 2 nd Nov	Parents Evening