



# NEWSLETTER

We've had such a fun and busy first half term. Thank you to everyone for giving me such a warm welcome. I am very happy to be working at Lindale. 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.

## Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival was a wonderful celebration with children performing Dough Gym, poetry, and Harvest anagrams. We also enjoyed musical performances and seeing still life art pieces. We are very grateful for your kind donations to the food bank and also for the silver coins for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. It was lovely to see many parents and governors attending too. We also said 'au revoir' to Mrs Curwen as she began her Maternity leave. Children presented her with her very own VIP certificate, flowers and gifts.

## Reading Evening

Mrs Law organised a curriculum evening with a Reading focus earlier this week. Again, this was well supported by parents and carers. An explanation of how reading is taught right through school was provided by our teachers and resources and books that we use were available to view. Teachers are always willing to answer any questions you may have about our curriculum, so please do ask if there's something we can help with.

## East Africa talks with Peter

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> we had a special visitor in school. Peter came to share with us his experiences of life in Africa. He shared slides, artefacts and books with each class in turn. His topics covered The Ugly Five, This Wonderful World, The Big Five and Remote Africa. Peter was very impressed with all our children and the amazing questions that they asked.

## Netball

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 Netball team who took part in a High 5 Netball competition at Cartmel Priory School this week. They defended well and enjoyed playing against teams from other local primary schools.

## Football coach

Every Monday during this half term the Key Stage Two children have taken part in Football Coaching with Jim Bone from the Westmorland County FA. They have enjoyed learning new skills.



*Let your light shine*

### **Basketball**

A real highlight to our half term was the visit from Paul Sturgess, the really, really tall Basketball player. He gave an inspiring talk in assembly about embracing his differences and told us how he became involved in the game of Basketball. His workshops with each class were great fun! The children developed their dribbling skills and some even managed to achieve the 'spinning ball' trick.

### **Swimming**

Year 3, 4 and 5 will be going swimming after half term for 5 weeks. Letters have been sent via email. I look forward to hearing how they get on.

### **Lost property**

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named. There are a few jumpers lurking around school that have not been claimed.

### **Winter Production**

We have started putting things into place for our Winter Production! The children will find out their roles and be handed their scripts before the half term holiday.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you need an alternative date.

### **Clubs**

Craft club with Mrs Law after school (details to come soon)

KS 2 Ukulele club with Mrs Barnsley at 12.30 on Tuesdays

### **Early finish**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, school will close at 2pm for the end of term. There will be no Fun Club that day. I hope you all have a lovely half-term!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Barnsley

## Dates:

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Return to school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Y5/6 Leadership Day at Castle Head (letter has been sent) Deadline for Year 6 applications to secondary school
Wednesday 1st November	Swimming starts for year 3, 4 and 5 (5 weeks – email sent out)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents evening 3.30-7pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nasal Flu
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	KS2 Stone Age Trip to Windermere
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	11am Remembrance
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	FOLS Autumnal Party 6-7.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 SATS information session 3.30 and 5pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Production Afternoon Performance
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Production Evening Performance
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	FOLS movie night 3.15-5.30pm R-Y6
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Jungle Book whole school trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party days
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 2pm for the Christmas holidays
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Children back in school