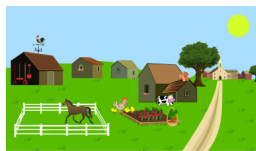


Multi-skills coaching.

I have arranged for a multi-skills coach to deliver sessions for both key stages over the next 6 weeks on a Tuesday morning. Each class starting with KS2 will receive 3 weeks of tuition. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times.

Farm Visits

During w/c 13th March each class will visit a farm in Dearham as part of our study on the production of food. KS2 will visit on Tuesday whilst KS1 will attend on Thursday of that week.



Mrs Robertson

As you know Mrs Robertson will be taking maternity leave for this Autumn term so we have started the application process early, ensuring we recruit a high quality class teacher to cover for this period.

This is a very important appointment so the Governing Body and myself will conduct a very thorough selection process ensuring that the KS2 children will continue to receive an excellent education.

KS1 Show and tell sessions

Show and Tell sessions provide an excellent mechanism where the children have an opportunity to speak to an audience about a topic and also to be an active listener. However, if the children just bring a toy in it means that the discussion is very limited and can be repetitive. I would encourage the children to bring an item that has more of a 'story'. For examples objects could be:-

A post card

A letter

Something collected from a walk

A photograph

Piece of art or work they have completed at home

A special book

This list is not limited to these items but hopefully provides a "flavour" of what could be brought.

School Building

It is important that we maintain our school to the highest standards to make it an excellent learning environment for your child. Our latest project has been to replace all the lights in the school both interior and exterior with new brighter LCD lights. Some of the children have already commented about how bright the school looks!

KS2 Residential to Derwent Water Hostel



The KS2 class will attend a residential at Derwent Water Hostel in Borrowdale on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th May. Most of the children have previously attended this venue and appreciate what a wonderful experience it offers. I have arranged for a canoe/rafting session on the first afternoon and a session to be delivered by the Hostel staff which the children will decide on today. The children will be supervised by Mrs Walker and myself. The cost of the residential is £25.00.

Please could all parents bring in their child's fee as soon as possible. This residential represents incredible value and the cost far exceeds what is being charged.

Parental Questionnaire

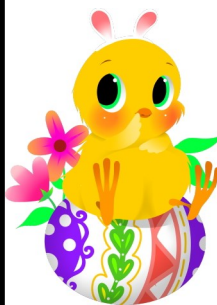
Thank you to all the parents who managed to complete the recent questionnaire (we received a return from approximately 90% of parents).

Overall the response was very positive and I am really grateful for your comments. I will personally write to any parents who offered suggestions to further improve what we could offer as a school and how any action could be taken to implement these ideas. If no comments were made I have to interpret this as a satisfaction of what is offered.

Reports and Parents Evening.

Each child will receive their main School Report on Friday 24th March which will be followed by Parents Evening on Monday 28th March. Please make every effort to attend as it offers a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to suggest any strategies that could help them on their next steps in the learning process. This is particularly important for those in Y2 and Y6 who will complete SATs tests in May and by having these discussions prior to Easter, allows time for us to work in partnership to help your child do the very best that they are capable of.

Easter Fair & Open Day



This is being held on Thursday April 6th at 2-4p.m. Community groups are again having fundraising stalls —refreshments will be served by church, the Community Forum are having a treasure map and the Friends of Allonby Green are also coming with goodies to sell. School will be holding a chocolate tombola and the children will be making some Easter crafts to sell.

Please come along and support this fundraiser and if you can offer any help on the day, please see Mrs Walker.

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Newsletter from Head Teacher to Parents

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Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to all children and parents for the second half of the Spring term. The lead up to Easter promises to be an eventful period. To celebrate Pancake day, Miss Molyneux was kind enough to demonstrate how pancakes were made for all the children and they were all very keen to taste the pancakes with differing toppings to choose from. Today the KS1 children have taken part in a Christening conducted by Reverend Mary Day. This was part of our RE topic on Rites of Passage. The children all looked very smart and have gained a superb insight into what a baptism involves. Please look at the photographs on the school Facebook page. Further events planned for this half term block are detailed within this newsletter.

Regards
David Owen

KS1 Bassenfell Residential

The KS1 class will be visiting Bassenfell Manor near Basenthwaite for a Residential Experience on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn outdoor and adventurous skills and learn how to become independent. Year 1 and 2 will be staying overnight whilst Reception children will visit for the day on the Thursday. They will be able to stay for tea on the Thursday at 5.00 and will then leave by 6 o'clock. We will require YR parents to collect their children from the Centre at this time. Perhaps parents could arrange between themselves how they could help each other to make this easier. The children will be supervised by Mrs Thompson and myself and transported to the Centre by mini-bus. Could I politely ask that all parents bring in the relevant cost (£20 for the 2 days and £10 for a single day) as soon as possible. We are now committed to paying the full amount to the centre. This charge represents outstanding value as there is a chance that the children may get the opportunity to participate in a canoe session on the Friday and I would estimate that the "true" cost of the experience to be near to £100.

Extra Curricular Clubs

For a small school I am really proud of the quantity and variety of clubs that the school is offering at the moment.

I would urge all children who have committed to a club to be regular attendees as they are largely delivered by adults who are voluntarily offering their own time.

The clubs are as follows-
Monday SATs Booster Club Mrs Robertson
Tuesday Film Club Mrs Walker
Wednesday Uke Club (Lunch) Guy Browes Sports Club Andy
Thursday Homework Club (Lunch) Mrs R
Photography Club Guy Browes
Friday Football Club Mr Owen

As teaching staff sometimes have meetings on random nights after school, it may be sometimes necessary to cancel a club. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but is unavoidable.

Diary Dates:-

Tues 7th March—KS2 Multi Skills
Frid 10th March—Dental survey YR & 1.
Tues 14th March—Farm Visit KS2
Thurs 16th March— Farm Visit KS1

