

School Trips

The Parent Fundraising Association very kindly put a lot of effort into raising money to contribute to the cost of all school outings including our recent excursions to Camp-Marsh and Brockhole and for that we are extremely grateful.

I am a firm believer in the educational value of learning outside the classroom. However, the funds that they raise will not last indefinitely and we will therefore need to start asking more frequently for voluntary contributions towards outings that the children are offered. This will bring us in line with other schools who always make some form of charge.

Tiny Tots Sports Camp

Andy has arranged a Tiny Tots Sports Camp at Allonby School on Friday 11th August. All the details are included on the attached leaflet.

We have decided to further widen the age parameter to allow any KS1 children to also attend. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to participate in an action packed sports day and is FREE including a packed lunch.

Please confirm with Mrs Walker before the end of term if your child will be attending. We need to know definite numbers to inform Andy and to arrange catering.

Extra-Curricular clubs

At Allonby School we have always taken great pride in the quantity and variety of extra-curricular clubs that we are able to offer and this has been commented on favourably as a great strength of the school by several external observers. However, recently there has been a sharp decline in the numbers attending some of the clubs despite the children expressing an initial desire to attend. Last night only 2 children attended the Sports club organised by Andy. I appreciate that this followed the sports day but there has been a declining attendance for several weeks. There are several other schools who are asking if Andy can organise an after school club for them and I need to ensure that there is a regular commitment to this by sufficient children to ensure that it is sustainable. If it proves to be unviable for Andy to offer this club next year it is unlikely he will be able to return to offer it in the future. As we have struggled to receive regular payments for this club from all participants, we will now be making this club free of charge. I really hope we can get this regular commitment from the children in order for this provision to continue. I have attached an extra-curricular clubs form for you to complete to assist with our planning for next academic year. This includes details on all proposed clubs for September. This must be returned to school by **Monday 17th July.**

Swimming

All of the children have made great progress with their swimming over the last 10 weeks. We will continue with swimming in the Autumn term but I would encourage you when possible to take your child swimming during the summer holiday as this will further accelerate the progress they are making.

Netherhall school are offering 10p session swims during the holiday and I will forward further details on this fantastic offer prior to the end of term.

During the end of term assembly the children will be awarded a badge and certificate for their respective achievements.

KS1 transition into KS2





Our 3 Y2 children will be transferring into the KS2 classroom in September. This move will prepare them to grow academically and mature so that they will eventually manage a smooth transition to Secondary School.

This growth in maturity is always best reflected if parents can leave their children at the classroom door, enabling each child to settle down quickly and easily into a new routine with their new class mates.

KS1 and KS2 SATs results

The children in Y2 and Y6 will receive a short report next week detailing their performance in the Key Stage SATs tests alongside teacher assessment judgements. This will be accompanied by a Government publication explaining the rationale behind the tests and teacher assessment.

After School Clubs from September–December 2017

Monday:	Art & Craft Club	KS1 & 2		
Tuesday:	Film Club	KS1 & KS2 from Tuesday 31st October		
Wednesday:	Sports Club	KS1 & KS2		
Thursday:	Football Club	KS2		

My child/children..... would like to take part in the following clubs (please indicate by a tick at the side of each club they wish to attend) and return this section to Mrs Walker in the Office by **Monday 17th July**. Many thanks.

Monday: Art & Craft Club

Tuesday: Film Club

Wednesday: Sports Club

Thursday: Football Club

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Newsletter from Head Teacher to Parents

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Dear Parents,

This term has been very busy. The children have worked hard with many completing their Y2/Y6 SATs papers and those in-between completing assessment tests. They have also been rewarded with several excursions. It has been another tremendous year for the school with our Y6 children achieving excellent SATs results. They all achieved at least the age expected standard in all subject taken. As a collective group, they achieved considerably better than national average and I would predict that this will make us one of the top performing schools in the country.

During the last few busy weeks of term, the weather has been very kind allowing us 3 fabulous days for our trips to Camp-marsh nature reserve, Brockhole near Windermere and our Sports Day. The sun Shined for each of these days and allowed the children to enjoy all these fantastic opportunities that have been provided for them.

As this will be the last newsletter of the year there is quite a lot of important information related to recent events and future dates but all that it remains for me to do is to thank all parents for their continued support and I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday either at home or further afield if you are travelling.

Regards
David Owen
Head Teacher

Mrs Hillier

It is with great sadness that the children said a fond farewell to Mrs Hillier yesterday. The children presented her with a framed collage photograph and a retirement plaque. She has been a tremendous asset to the school during the 22 years she has worked here.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for all the work she has done. I have always maintained that we have the cleanest school in Cumbria and that is due to her tremendous hard work. She will be greatly missed. Her job is being continued by Mrs Porter who has already been in school on a couple of occasions to "learn the ropes". I am very confident that the school will maintain its level of cleanliness.

Miss Harrison

A warm welcome to Miss Harrison in KS2 who will be covering Mrs Robertson's maternity leave next term. She is currently teaching the class for the remaining week of term and has made a great impression during her first few days. I am confident that she will be a great asset to the school next term and be a great teacher for the KS2 children.

End of term assembly

Our end of term assembly will take place on Thursday July 20th at 1.15 to which all parents are warmly welcome. There will be some performances from the children and presentation of prizes for different achievements. We will also be bidding a fond farewell to our Y6 children. I hope all parents are able to attend this assembly.

Autumn term 2017-18

The children will return to school on Wednesday 6th September.