

Mathletics

The subscription to the Mathletics App has been renewed so the children are able to access this on an iPad at home. This is an excellent resource which will test their mathematical skills. Please encourage your child to use this. I have attached the relevant username and password.

October INSET

A reminder that after the October half term holiday the children will not return until Tuesday October 31st as all staff will be attending a course on developing writing in school on that Monday.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We informed the children on Wednesday of the choices available for this term and they selected the clubs they wanted to attend. Some clubs will need to be run on a rota basis due to a mix of key stage children wanting to attend. It is really important and only fair to the adults organising these sessions that once this decision is made there is a firm commitment for the children to attend each week. The clubs will all start next week. Therefore the children attending clubs this half term are as follows-

Monday - Art and Craft Miss Harrison

Miley, Sam, Katelyn, Jaxson, Max, Laiton, Jenny

Tuesday— Cricket "Cricket Chris"

Miley, Sam, Katelyn, Harry, Max, Laiton, Jenny

Wednesday— Sports Club with Andy

Katelyn, Max, Jaxson, Harry, Laiton, Jenny, Talia

Thursday— Camera Club with Guy

This half term—Max & Jenny
2nd half term—Laiton, Katelyn & Miley

Friday— Football Club Mr Owen

This half term—Miley, Sam, Mason, Conner, Robbie
2nd half term—Harry, Katelyn, Jenny, Max

There will be times when the staff/leaders have other commitments and we will endeavour to provide as much warning as possible when clubs have to be cancelled.

MacMillan Coffee Morning & Fundraising for Charity



We will be supporting this very worthwhile charity with a Coffee morning on Thursday 28th September from 10a.m. until 11.30a.m. If you are able to bake for this event, please see Mrs Walker. Your attendance would be very much appreciated. The other national charity we will support this year is Children In Need in November.

We will be organising an Auction of Promises which will be a major fundraising event in aid of school funds in the Spring term. We also intend to fundraise this academic year for the Community Forum who are raising money to replace elements of the playpark in the village.

Summer Sports Camp

I would like to thank all the parents who managed to bring their children to this event run by Andy in the Summer holiday.

It was a very successful event enjoyed by all the children. Also a big thank you to Miss Robson and Mrs Potter who helped on the day and to Miss Molineux who organised the lunches.

School Administration

Data collection sheets and consent forms for 2017/18 will hopefully be winging their way to you tomorrow. Please make every effort to return them into school as soon as possible. This is particularly important so that we can update any contact telephone numbers etc. to enable us to contact you in case of an emergency.

Many thanks
Mrs Walker

Harvest Festival

Prior to the Summer holidays the children took home some small water bottles with the intention being that they were kindly to be filled with coins to contribute to the Harvest appeal which is focussed on Water Aid.

I would encourage you to please fill these bottles before the Harvest festival service on Monday 25th September at 1.45. If the bottle has been misplaced, any empty water bottle filled with coins will be fine. . All parents are warmly welcome to attend this service and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible.



Other Educational trips

As part of their topic on Islam this term, the KS2 class will be joining the other small schools in our consortium to visit a mosque and the Science Museum in Glasgow on Thursday October 5th. This trip is being organised by the Head Teacher at Bothel School. There will be a follow up activity day to this on the following Thursday at Bothel Village Hall. More details to follow.

Toddler Group

Ladybirds Toddler group will resume on Tuesday 12th September from 1.30p.m. to 2.30p.m. and will be supervised by Miss Robson. Anybody with children under school age are very welcome to attend. There are many activities for the children to participate in and refreshments are available.

Victorian Topic.

The KS2 class are studying the Victorians as a major topic, whilst the KS1 class are focussing on the differences in the home between now and in the past with some learning about the Victorians. To facilitate this study I have arranged for the whole school to visit Tullie House on Tuesday 26th September to participate in a Victorian role play session and to learn about how life was different in Victorian times.

There is a possibility that KS2 might visit Beamish Victorian Village during this term— I will provide further detail soon on both of these exciting and extremely worthwhile learning opportunities for the children.

As mentioned at the end of last year, we have previously managed to provide various trips at no extra cost for the Children. We now unable to maintain this level of support so will be asking for voluntary contributions towards the cost of such trips. Further details to follow.

Christmas Production

This year due to the composition of children within the school making us a “younger” school i.e no Year 6 children, we will be staging a simple production that allows all the children to ‘shine’ and tells the Christmas story.

There will be just one afternoon performance on Tuesday 12th December at 2.00p.m. so for those who have work commitments, hopefully this gives you sufficient notice to make arrangements to enable you to attend. Further details will follow once arrangements are made.

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Newsletter from Head Teacher to Parents

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to all the children, parents and staff for what promises to be another busy year. I hope you all had a lovely holiday. It was lovely to see all the children looking so well presented on their first day back and I am convinced that they appear to grow more during those 6 weeks than any other period during the year! During assembly yesterday I talked to the children about that will mean that they working hard, working together, behaving well and never giving up. All of these things work together to help them achieve. There is much more information to impart so I felt it would be really useful for you to receive this newsletter early during the first part of this Autumn term.

Regards
David Owen
Head Teacher

Mrs Robertson



For those of you that do not have Facebook, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Robertson has had a lovely baby daughter called Erin Olivia. The whole family are really well and Mrs Robertson has promised to bring Erin into school within the next few weeks to enable all the children to meet her.

New Starter

A warm welcome to Kalum Campbell who has started in Reception this week. He has settled down really well and is a big fan of dinosaurs!

New Staff

A warm welcome to Miss Harrison who is covering Mrs Robertson's KS2 class for the Autumn term. Although she covered the latter few weeks of the Summer Term, she has now officially started and is already proving to be very competent and an excellent classroom teacher. Timetable As Miss Harrison is a newly qualified teacher she is entitled to planning and preparation time so for this term she will be in school covering KS2 between Monday and Thursday. On Friday I will be teaching KS2 and Mrs Potter will be covering KS1.

Miss Robson, in addition to being our Mid-day supervisor, is undertaking an apprentice Teaching Assistant course which will be based within school learning and assisting in both key stages. She has made great efforts to prepare herself for this role and I believe she will be a great asset to the school. In addition she will also be responsible for organising Ladybirds toddler group each Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Porter has taken over from Mrs Hillier as cleaner for the school and I am confident that she will maintain our Mrs Hillier's very high standards.

Swimming

As confirmed on Facebook, swimming will commence this Friday for 10 weeks. The sessions this block will be from 2.00 till 2.30. We will do our very best to return to school on time but with the current Traffic issues and congestion in Maryport this cannot be guaranteed.

Please make sure that your child has their swimming kit in school on a Friday.

Many thanks.

