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Dear Parents,

As we complete the first weeks of our new school year, I thought I'd let you have a few dates for your diary and send information about becoming a governor at our lovely school.

### Dates for your Diary

**Year 5** Cyclewise training will take place on **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Bikes can be brought into school from Tuesday after school and can stay in school until the end of the day on Friday (we will bring them into school each evening). If your child needs to borrow a school bike please let us know as soon as possible so we can be sure we have enough available. We can also lend bike helmets to children if needed. Please refer to the letter we sent home for any further information you need.

PTFA meeting ~ Our parent, teacher and friends of Armathwaite School association are holding a meeting in the Garden Room at **3.30pm on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is welcome to join this meeting as you all become members of our PTFA as soon as your child joins our school\nursery. It is a chance to meet other parents\grandparents and to be involved in organising social events and other way to support school. Our PTFA is invaluable and very important in providing social events and funds to support all the amazing things we do and resources we provide. We are so grateful to have such an amazing PTFA in our vibrant community. Please try to come along. Children can play while we meet (including younger brothers and sisters).

Nasal flu vaccination ~ these will take place on **Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>** from 11am.

We are in the process of finalising a whole school trip for the Wednesday of the week before half term. More information to follow once we have confirmed transport.

Our new wake up, shake up has been composed and choreographed by children in Year 4, 5 and 6! They chose the sound track and have now taught it to their younger buddies We would like to invite you to stay in school on **Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>** to join us for our new wake up shake up. This will take place at 8.50am in the school hall. The dance will probably take about 20 minutes and, for anyone who has time, our PTFA will serve tea, coffee, or a cold drink after this, so you can have a quick chat and get to know other parents\grandparents. Please try to come along. We would love to see you there!

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**On Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**, our Year 4, 5 and 6 will visit the Thursday Club in the Old School Hall. This has been an annual event for a number of years, only interrupted by the pandemic. We are delighted to have received an invitation to visit again this year. Children will share their learning in school, show our friends at the club our new wake up shake up and enjoy a special tea made by them for us. It is such a lovely afternoon for everyone involved. We will walk back up to school for around the end of the school day.

The half term holiday is from **Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**On Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>** our whole school will travel to Carlisle by train to the cinema in Carlisle. This is part of the school cinema initiative which means our children can see a film for free. We will be watching two films ~ Superworm and the Smeds and the Smoos.

On **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will hold our annual reading evening, from 5.30 to 7pm. We will also be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during this week. More information to follow.

On **Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>**, children in Year 5 and 6 will travel to Kendal for the Kendal Mountain Film Festival. They will travel by car accompanied by Mrs Gill and other staff and parent volunteers. The event is from 9.30am to 11.30am, so children will need to be in school for 8.00am as we need to allow travel time and make a very prompt departure.

### **Parent Governor Vacancies**

Our Governing body work together to support and manage our school. It is an important and very valuable role. Our governors make a positive difference to our school. Due to parent governors coming to the end of their term of service, we have two vacancies for parent governors. Please see the attached leaflet for more information. If you would like to know more about being a parent governor, you could ask Emma Edmondson (Henry and Millie's mum) or Duncan Hall (Casper and Gabriel's dad). Their email addresses are here: [emmafreestone@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:emmafreestone@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk)  
[duncanhall@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:duncanhall@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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