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October Newsletter

Football!

Congratulations to our football team and their fantastic coach Barry. We won the local competition at Newton Rigg and now go on to play in the next stage of the competition this Thursday. We are so proud of you all. Well-done! Footballers will have early lunch, leaving school for a 12.30pm arrival at Newton Rigg. They need non-studded boots as matches will be played on the all-weather pitches. Good luck ~ we know you will be brilliant.

Thursday Club Visit

This Thursday Year 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Thursday Club meeting in the Old School Hall. We will perform our wake up, shake up dance and take some of our learning to the meeting, including the automatons and puppets we have been making in Design and Technology. Children will chat to retired members from the community, who will then provide them with a delicious tea. This is a wonderful, well-established community event which is enjoyed by all.

Date clash!

We have a busy half term coming up, with forest school sessions starting for children in Year Reception and 1 each Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Gill will take the children to High Stand for forest learning. Thank you to parent\carers who have already volunteered. We have a clash of dates on Tuesday November 5th, as on this day Years 3 to 6 are also out of school, travelling to Carlisle for a workshop at the cathedral before they perform there on December 5th. For this reason we need to change forest school to Monday November 4th. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Could any parent\carers who can transport children and help with forest school on this day please let us know.

Cathedral Performance

Children in Years 3 to 6 are having singing lessons each week with Ed, the choir master at Carlisle Cathedral. They are learning songs to perform at the cathedral on Thursday December 5th. On Tuesday November 5th they will travel to the cathedral for a workshop. Mrs Gill is involved with this project and will escort the children to Carlisle with Mrs A & Mrs Wylie.

<u>Hair!</u>

There have been a couple of itchy heads around recently, so please be vigilant for headlice. Supporting information is available at https://www.nhs.uk conditions > head-lice-and-nits

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Partly for this reason and also for safety, please can all children with shoulder length or longer hair come to school with it tied up. It gets in the way when children are trying to learn and is a safety hazard during playtimes and PE.

Library Van

The library van will visit school on the afternoon of Monday October 28th, straight after half term, so get searching behind the sofa and under the bed!

Parent Meetings

Mrs Gill, Mrs A and I would like to invite you to parent meetings after the half term break. These meetings will be held as follows:

Reception and Year 1 meetings will be on Tuesday October 29th between 3.45 and 5.30pm, Wednesday October30th between 3.30pm and 5.30pm and Thursday October 31st between 4.45 and 5.15pm.

Year 2 and 3 meetings will be on Tuesday October 29th between 3.30 and 5.30pm and Wednesday October 30th between 3pm and 5.30pm

Years 4/5 and 6 meetings will be on Tuesday October 29th between 3.45 and 4.30pm, Wednesday October 30th between 3pm and 5.30pm and Thursday October 31st, between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

PTFA Disco

PTFA have organised a disco on Thursday October 31st. They have sent a letter home regarding this. Should you need further information see Kelly Peacock, Caroline Bowe or Emma Hodgson.

Reading Evening

On Wednesday November 6th we will be holding our reading evening. The event will run between 5.30pm to 7pm. We will read and enjoy stories, poems and rhymes. Refreshments will be served in the school hall by our PTFA. We also have the Scholastic book fair, so, if you would like them to, your child can choose and purchase a book (leaflet attached). The book trolleys will be open in the school hall after 3.30pm on Wednesday 6th and in the morning before the bell rings if you would like to browse. Payment by phone is available this year, ask Mrs Dowes for more details.

The sale of books helps to contribute towards buying books for school so it is a win, win! Hope you can come along and enjoy this fun event.

Film Festival

On the morning of November 6th children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will attend the 'Into Film Festival. They will leave school at 9.10am and return just after 1pm for a late lunch.

Trip to Airport

Next half term Year 2 and 3 will visit Carlisle Airport as part of our vehicles focus. We will catch a train to Carlisle, then a shuttle bus to the airport, where we will study airport vehicles, including of course, the aeroplanes.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

NHS staff will be in school on Monday November 4th to administer the vaccine for those children who have requested it.

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Bags to school

I have attached the Bags2school collection bag to this letter.

The new requirements for what is collected are clearly written on the bags. The last collection raised over £100 for school so it is well worth doing – and you can have a half term clear out of your old clothes at the same time!

The bags will be collected on Tuesday 12th November, so please could leave them under the shelter at school before or on Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hepworth Headteacher

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