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Dear Parents,

### Coming Up This Half Term

On Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> we are having our annual reading evening. Unfortunately, we won't be able to invite parents and siblings in this year, but children in school can come in their pyjamas or onesies and slippers for an hour of wonderful stories read by their teachers in rooms lit by fairy lights. The children love this and we make it early so that it doesn't interfere with bedtime. We will read stories between 5.30 and 6.30pm with hot chocolate served during the interval. Instead of the Scholastic book fair we have brochures attached, which you can browse through at home, ordering online or through school.

### Reading Photos

We are excited to be creating reading areas in the Top and Big Classrooms. They will be a comfortable place to curl up and get lost in a book. They will be our mini libraries and we will send more information about them as they develop. To decorate these areas I have invited everyone to complete a challenge which is to find creative and unusual places to read! It could be up a tree, under the table, on a swing, on your trampoline ~ you get the idea. Please think of lots of creative ideas and send or email a photo to me and we will print them and put them up. Send your photos to [head@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@armathwaite.cumbria.sch.uk) Looking forward to seeing them all!

### Parent Meetings

We plan to hold parent meetings in November. We would like to offer face-to-face, socially distanced meetings at the end of the school day. Appointment dates will be available through Mrs Dowes in school. Dates are as follows:-

Year 6 –Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November between 2.30 and 5.30pm and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 3.40 and 5.50pm

Year 4 and 5 ~ Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3.30pm and 5.30pm (there will be no transition club this day) and Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Year 3 and 4 will be on Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3.40pm and 5.30pm and Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

Year 2 will be on Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3.30pm and 5.45pm.

Years Nursery, Reception and 1 will be on Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup> between 3.40 and 5.30pm, Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> between 3.40 and 5.30pm and Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> between 3.40 and 5.30pm.

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Please see the attached letter from Daisy and Lexi about a fundraising event for WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature), which they are planning for their child initiated project. It is on the Friday afternoon of November 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can come along and support this event.

### Children in Need Day, Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November

For Children in Need Day we are going to hold a dance-athon! We will boogie our way through a whole load of funky dances. Children can wear anything, from full dance kits through to normal clothes and everything in between. They can bring their favourite teddy to boogie along, too! The main thing is we will have fun whilst raising lots of money for Children in Need. We will send a dancing Pudsey home next week and are hoping people will search through all their loose change and see if they can cover Pudsey in coins! Please bring these into school on the day. Any extra donations to the charity can be sent in too if you wish. Mrs Dowes will send all money collected through to Children in Need.

### Back Packs

Lockers are getting very, very full and spilling over, causing trip hazards in our corridors and cloakroom areas. We think this is due to so many children bringing huge backpacks into school every day. It takes a long time to get reading books, learning logs and maths books out of these bags and means we lose precious reading time in school. For this reason we bought new book bags for children in Year 5 and 6. We have asked them to keep all their books in these bags and are ordering some for children in Year 3 and 4.

To help us stay organised and tidy could I please ask that only children in Year Nursery and Reception bring backpacks into school, if they need a change of clothes with them. We think all the backpacks are great, but would like them to stay at home and be used there, please. Children need a PE bag (which is kept in school with all items named), their book bag, which should go home every night and return each morning, and a lunch box\bag if they have packed lunch.

A scarf, hat, gloves etc. can be kept in the top of lockers.

Thank you so much for your help and support with this.

### Clubs

Please let Mrs Dowes know which clubs your child would like to attend this half term.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hepworth

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