



# Arnside National Primary School

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Dear parent / carer,

The term is well underway and the pupils are very settled in their new classes. The diary is filling at a rapid rate and it looks set to be another busy and exciting year. FOANS are also in the process of arranging their first meeting of the year and it'll be a fantastic opportunity to welcome new and existing members and discuss any ideas and initiatives for the forthcoming year. The new interactive hall screen is a wonderful example of the impact of FOANS fundraising as well as our cost-effective trips, activities and residentials, which are regularly part-funded by FOANS.

## Harvest

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am and all parents / carers are welcome to attend. As always, any donations of food will be gratefully accepted and this year we will be supporting three charities: Manna House, Lancaster Womens' Refuge and Lancaster Homeless Action Service. We have donation boxes in classrooms and pupils can bring items at any time. The event also coincides with World Cerebral Palsy Day so this year our Harvest theme will be a 'Green Harvest'. Pupils can wear green for the day and celebrate both events together.

## Progress meetings

Our Autumn term parent / carer feedback sessions will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and this year, we would like to return back to face-to-face appointments. More details about timings and how to book appointments will be sent out in due course.

## Sport & games

On Wednesday, pupils from Year 6 will be taking part in the first of the cluster schools' competitions at Dallam School where multiple teams will compete in Basketball and Skittle ball. Mr Hoare's football club is up and running and we are looking forward to High 5 netball and cross-country events later in the term. Key Steps looks set to take place in the Spring term so it won't be long before teams are selected for practices to begin. In addition to the Dallam competitions, Mr Hoare is arranging a series of competitive matches with neighbouring schools.

## Bikeability

Next week, the Year 6 pupils will be completing their Bikeability training with two instructors from Cyclewise. It's a fantastic and vital initiative where the pupils learn and develop bike skills and road safety awareness. Please be aware the bike rack areas will be busier than usual during the week. Year 4 pupils will also have a one-day taster session on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.



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## Cycle to school week



From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, school will be supporting the Cycle to School initiative run by the Bikeability trust. We are encouraging pupils to pedal or scoot to school and enjoy a few journeys on two wheels.

## School lunches

Unfortunately, Tara Ates, our wonderful kitchen leader, has been signed off for a few weeks and a temporary replacement cook will be in post for the foreseeable future. We wish Tara a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

## Phonics information session

We will be holding our first curriculum information meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30 – 5.30pm. Phonics is a crucially important aspect of the curriculum and it would be a useful session for all parents / carers. The sessions are short, informal and a great opportunity to discuss how we teach the curriculum – please come along if interested.

## Flu immunisation - return forms

Flu immunisation forms have been distributed to all pupils from reception to Year 6. Please could the forms be returned as soon as possible as we need to confirm numbers prior to the day. Flu immunisation will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

The school website calendar has more information about the dates of events and activities, and will be updated on a regular basis. We have a range of clubs running in school including Art, Eco Club, Computing, Football and Jujitsu, and soon to start will be a Mad Science Club. Any further offers of help and support in school will be gratefully accepted – please contact your child's class teacher to discuss options. If any parents / carers have a particular talent, skill or interest and would like to pass on their knowledge, we would welcome help with after school clubs. Parents / carers possess a whole range of skills which the pupils would love to learn about.

Thank you again for your help and support.

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Key dates for the Autumn term include:

Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	International Day of Peace
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Cycle to School week
	Year 6 Bikeability (Mon – Thurs)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Phonics information evening for parents / carers
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS1 Book Bus visit
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Black History Month starts
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival, 9.30am, St James' Church
	World Cerebral Palsy Day – Non-uniform / WEAR GREEN
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu immunisation
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pupil progress meeting, 3.30 – 6.00pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pupil progress meeting, 3.30 – 6.00pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photographer - individuals
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Celebration Worship, 2.30pm, St James' Church
	Break up for half term, 3.20pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	FOANS disco, KS1 5-6pm / KS2 6-7pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
	Odd socks day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
	Kendal Mountain Festival
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dallam Cross Country, 12.00 – 3.00pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Christmas Craft Week
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS trip to Leighton Hall
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant nativity, 9.30am, St James' Church
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant nativity, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant nativity, 2.00pm, St James' Church
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Celebration Worship, 2.30pm, St James' Church
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Concert, 6.00pm, St James' Church
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas, 2.00pm
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Pupils start back



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