



Arnside National Primary School

'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'

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Dear parent / carer,

The final term of the year is here and it's packed full of wonderful opportunities for all of the pupils. We have our remaining residentials, Y5 camp to Langdale and Year 6 trip to London, plus themed weeks, sports day, litter picks, moth workshops, museum trips, bowling sessions, sports competitions and orienteering – that's just the tip of the iceberg! The school diary is regularly updated on the website so if you're unsure of a date, just log in and check.

SATs

National SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) will take place in May for pupils in Year 2 and Year 6. For younger pupils, the tests are completed informally and over several weeks. Tests are marked internally and results are moderated by the local authority. For the older pupils, the tests are completed within the week beginning Tuesday 9th May and follow a set timetable. It is a formal process which may be invigilated by external assessors and tests must be completed following strict guidelines. We always aim to make this process as stress-free as possible and we prepare pupils to feel relaxed, confident and positive about the experience. These tests are only a tiny snapshot of a pupil's ability and strengths, and it's important to remember they only assess a small proportion of the knowledge and skills a pupil actually possesses. Good luck to all involved – we are extremely proud of each and every one of you, and your uniqueness and personal talents are the most important factors.

Maternity cover

Mrs Henneberry will soon be on maternity leave and we wish her well on the next exciting step. In terms of cover, Miss Morris will be teaching full-time for the remainder of the academic year in Butterfly Class. We are currently in the process of confirming cover for Miss Morris' 3 days in Swift class and will inform you of arrangement in due course. We always aim to provide as much continuity as possible and class teachers work closely together to ensure transitions are seamless. Routines, the curriculum, TA cover and class activities will remain unchanged.

Student placement

School has welcomed Mr Gregory into school to complete a final block placement in Butterfly Class. As with all students, we encourage involvement in all aspects of school life and I'm sure all the pupils will get to know him over the course of the placement.

Coronation celebration non-uniform day

On Friday 5th May, school will be having a non-uniform day to celebrate the King's coronation. Pupils have the option to come dressed in red, white and blue, and we will be hosting an afternoon tea party in the yard for all the classes. A huge thank you to Tara Ates for her support in baking some tasty tray bakes for the occasion.





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Swimming

Year 4 and 5 pupils have started their weekly swimming sessions at Kendal Leisure Centre. Instead of 10 x 30min sessions, the pupils will have 5 x 1-hour sessions over this half term. This allows more time for the instructors to focus on skill development and it helps reduce transport costs. Our aim over the past 2 years have been to move swimming sessions to the younger pupils and next year our plan is to provide provision to Year 3 and 4 pupils.

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, the office or myself for help and support. We have many forms of communication open such as email, Dojo and Teams (pupil accounts), and we will always endeavour to answer your questions as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp



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