



# Arnside National Primary School

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Dear parent / carer,

Welcome back and I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of interesting and exciting stories to share. It's been a pleasure to welcome our new starters into school and I have no doubt the existing pupils will do a wonderful job helping them settle and thrive. The classes are smiley, happy and eager to learn; long may this continue!

## Uniform

The pupils look extremely smart in their uniforms and we would like to maintain this high standard throughout the year. We have been kindly donated a range of excellent used uniform and this is available to all parents / carers if required; just pop into the school office and take a look. PE kits can still be worn on designated days and parents / carers can either order 'house colour' items or continue with the white T-shirt and dark shorts (no large logos or branded items).

## Meet the Teacher / Reading & phonics information evening, 4.30 – 5.30pm

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a short, informal 'Meet the Teacher' class session for parents / carers. This will be an opportunity to gain information about the timetable, routines and expectations, plus a good chance to ask any questions before the year gets underway. After the class session, parents / carers are invited to join a short Infant or Junior Reading & Phonics information session where teachers will explain the Phonics programme and how this supports the teaching of reading and spelling, from Reception right the way up to Year 6 – it's a **whole school** approach. The 'Meet the Teacher' will be from 4.30 – 5.00pm with the Reading & Phonics from 5.00 – 5.30pm. It would be great to see as many parents / carers as possible and have an opportunity to answer any questions.

## Harvest

Our annual Harvest Festival is due to take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10 am in St James' Church, and parents / carers are invited to attend. As usual, we will welcome any food donations, large or small, and these will be distributed to a range of local charities. More details to follow.

## Holiday dates

I know many families may be planning ahead and thinking about future holidays. We follow the Cumbria County Council holiday dates and these are available from the school website. Holidays in term time should only be taken under exceptional circumstances and are closely monitored by the Local Authority. We are very proud of our high levels of attendance and we thank you for your support.



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## Wheelchair basketball

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, we are extremely excited to welcome back the Wheelchair basketball team of Nat and Jack. All the pupils will have the opportunity to have a 30 mins session and experience the thrills and spills of basketball on wheels. The pupils can wear their PE kit for the day.

## Bikeability – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

In a few weeks time, Year 6 will soon be completing the Bikeability programme and Year 4 will have the opportunity to do a one day 'experience' session. Please could you ensure your child's bike is in good working order before the sessions start. More details to follow.

## Volunteers and additional support

Over the last year, we have welcomed a number of parents, carers and members of the community into school to assist and support across a range of subjects including reading, trips / activities, computing and art. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are interested in helping out or passing on a skill or interest.

## Governing Body

We are pleased to inform you that Tracey Taylor is our new Chair of Governors and Lynnae Taylor is starting as a Foundation Governor. We wish them both well in their new roles and look forward to working closely on school support, guidance and development.

## Playground developments

Our Infant playground development and our whole school playground shade areas have been completed and 'signed off'. I would like to extend a huge thank you to FOANS for their hard work, support and donations. We would now like to focus on the 'quiet areas' of the playground and develop the spaces for pupils to relax and enjoy a peaceful moment at playtimes. As a result, we are on the hunt for additional outdoor tables, chairs and storage; please contact the school office if you can help in any way.

The diary is already filling up with a range of interesting and exciting learning opportunities and we will publish key dates in due course. In the meantime, thank you for making the start of the new school year so welcoming and enjoyable.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp



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