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The start of a new school year is full of mixed emotions as the pupils start a fresh adventure in their new classes. The endless tales of summer fun are a joy to listen to and it never ceases to amaze me how the pupils grow and mature through their holiday experiences. Baby faced infants reach the dizzy heights of the juniors and our Year 6 pupils' thoughts gradually turn towards secondary transfer. Another year begins...

The sporting diary is filling at a rapid rate and we will soon be 'kicking off' with a double competition of Basketball and Skittle ball at Dallam school. We started the term with a fantastic whole school wheelchair basketball day; the pupils simply love the thrills and spills of sport on wheels. With cross country and a swimming Panathlon on the horizon, it looks set to be a fun filled autumn. In the next few weeks, Year 6 will be completing their Bikeability training and learning how to ride safely on the road; a vital step towards a safer, more independent journey to school.

Pupil voice is an integral part of school life and the children have several opportunities to play a more active role. We recently held our School Council elections and our new team is raring to go with a whole host of ideas and initiatives. Our Ethos Team is a specially selected group of pupils that go above and beyond to promote our school vision. The group is responsible for the playtime buddy system, whole school collective worship and reaching out to members of the community i.e. reading with residents from the village care homes. Our final team is our Eco Club which work together to ensure our school is sustainable and environmentally proactive. A huge thank you to Mrs Pearce and Mrs Hartropp for co-ordinating the work.

On the 6th Oct, school will be awash with colour when the pupils and staff celebrate World Cerebral Palsy day by wearing something green. It's a fantastic opportunity to promote and celebrate those living with cerebral palsy, embrace diversity and to help create a more accessible future for everyone. Our very own Millie will once again be the star of the show, demonstrating how courage and determination can help everyone reach their full potential. Our annual Harvest Festival will also be celebrating a 'green future' and all are invited to attend at St James', Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am – just remember to wear something green!

Later this term our junior pupils will be heading up to Hadrian's Wall to get some 'hands on' learning about Roman life. Enriching class work with cultural opportunities such as this are a vital aspect of our curriculum and 'hands on' learning can often be the key to success. Pupils are always keen to broaden their experiences and this term we have a range of after school clubs, including Jujitsu, Eco Club, Code Club, Art Club and football club. Thank you to all involved and giving up their valuable time.

Our vision at Arnside School is rooted in love with Corinthians 1 providing the foundation. It underpins the work of the school community and the pupils are a shining example of this. You are always welcome to come and share our School Church worship time, 9.10am every Wednesday in St James'; we'd love to see you there.

"Let all that you do be done in Love."

Take care, Mr Sharp