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'Learn, achieve, shine'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I sincerely hoped you have enjoyed the half term break and made the most of the lovely weather. Being able to get out and about in the sunshine lifts everyone's mood and makes us all happier. Fingers crossed the good weather stays with us. If it does, please ensure your child has a cap and sun cream on if necessary. All children should also bring in a clearly named water bottle which can be refilled in school from our water fountains. Please note, bottles should only contain water not juice.

You may have seen on our Facebook page that over the half term break we received the fantastic news that our school has been awarded Apple Regional Training Centre accreditation. This is not only brilliant recognition of the work our staff, led by Miss Dover, have put in to become official Apple Teachers but also a superb opportunity for our school to lead the way in West Cumbria sharing our expertise to train and coach other schools.

This coming half term we have lots of exciting things planned for the children. We are very aware that in the last 18 months there has been little opportunity for trips and visits to take place and the children have missed out on being able to extend their learning this way. To try and rectify this, along with the other schools in Maryport, we are offering activity sessions in the coming weeks. These activities are all being paid for via school fund. Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent staff sponsored walk and thank you also to the staff who gave up their time to do it over the holidays.

On Monday 7th June, all classes from Y2 up will visit Clip and Climb at the Wave centre to do a climbing session. Children will need to come dressed in PE kit and be wearing suitable shoes to walk and climb in. On Wednesday 9th June, all children will get the opportunity to take part in a circus skills workshop so again, PE kits are needed.

Sadly, we are still unable to welcome all of our parents and wider community onto the school site for events so cannot hold the traditional sports day. Instead, on Thursday 10th June we



will be having a 'day of sports' where all the children will take part in a range of sporting events organised by Mr Ward and our sports coaches. Staff will be in touch to let you know which house colour your child is in and on Thursday we kindly ask that they wear a t-shirt, cap or hoodie etc of that colour to represent their team. All children will take part in all events so PE kits are needed and don't forget the water bottles.

Our activity days continue on Tuesday 15th when John Crouch, a local chef, will run cooking workshops. This is followed by a visiting storyteller on Wednesday 16th and den-building workshops on Friday 18th. Also, across the week, Years 2-6 will also visit the bowling green.

Year 6 London Residential 21-24 June

Providing there is no change to the Government's roadmap out of COVID restrictions, the London trip is still planned to go ahead, albeit with a few changes to the usual itinerary. We will be holding a zoom parents meeting on Wednesday 9th where all information will be given and questions can be asked about the trip. Miss Dover will be sending out zoom invites to all those attending.

Phonics and reading

We are delighted with the progress made by so many of our younger children in phonics and early reading. Thank you to all the parents who continued with this during lockdown and who continued to support their child daily with the sounds and reading of the key books. We often find that the frequency of home reading reduces in the summer term as families make the most of the warmer, longer evenings. Please remember though that reading is a skill that needs plenty of practice and 10 mins per night is much better than nothing.

Finally, in the next week we will be sending out a parent questionnaire. This will give you the opportunity to feedback on how you feel we are doing and help us identify what is working well and what can be improved. Since amalgamating and re-opening as a primary school in September 2019, we have been faced with many, many challenges. We have only managed one full term without any lockdowns or burst bubbles so far and as such many of our original plans have obviously been delayed. We do feel however that our vision and ethos are established and that the move from 2 schools to 1 has been a success. When you receive the questionnaire, please take a little time to complete and return it. Thank you.

