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## Newsletter #7 – Autumn Term

### Half Term

As we reach the end of our first half term I would like to thank you for your support over the last seven weeks. It has been brilliant seeing how well our new nursery and reception pupils have settled into school life. I have also enjoyed seeing and hearing about all the amazing learning that has taken place across all the classrooms this half term.

I hope you enjoy a restful half term break and I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### Tim Farron MP Visit

It was brilliant to welcome Tim Farron MP to school on Monday morning. The Class Three and Four pupils loved the opportunity to hear about the important work our local MP does in the community and in Westminster.

The pupils also enjoyed asking Tim a host of questions, ranging from how he became an MP, what he enjoys doing in his spare time and his views on Liz Truss!

### Paddleboarding and Kayaking

Class Four had a fantastic final session of the term on Lake Windermere on Tuesday morning. The Year 5/6 pupils are really excited to continue developing their sailing, paddleboarding, canoeing and kayaking skills later in the year. We also plan to offer these brilliant series of lake based lessons to all classes in the summer term!



### Around the Classes

The pupils in Class One have been learning all about Diwali as part of their topic of festivals. The class have completed their own rangoli and henna inspired pieces of art, watched video clips about how Hindus celebrate Diwali and tasted a range of different foods!

Class Two have been really enjoying studying riddles in English! They have performed and written a range of riddles this week. An example is this tricky one – 'I am usually a rectangle, people get lost in me, I sometimes have words and pictures, I am found in a library, what am I?'

In Class Three the pupils have been busy reading a range of Bible stories. After picking a favourite, the pupils are going to turn the story into a comic. The pupils have also been busy writing letters to me as part of their Sustainability Geography topic. The pupils have asked if they are allowed to set up a litter picking

club, if they can organise a no energy day in school and if the class can support a charity for an endangered animal.

### **Uniform**

The PTA have recently had a generous influx of second hand school uniform, specifically age 7-8 and 9-10 items. Therefore, should you require uniform for your child, please would you consider getting it from the PTA to help support school. If you would like find out what items are available, please contact Mary Decent at marymcgginger@hotmail.co.uk.

### **Parents' Evening Appointments**

All appointments have now been confirmed and sent out via email. If you haven't yet requested a slot but would like to meet with your child's teacher, we still have spaces left on Monday 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately ALL slots have gone for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please get in touch with the office to request an appointment.

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

### **PTA News**

#### **PTA meeting 17th October**

8 of us gathered to eat chocolate biscuits and plan the PTAs Christmas calendar we have some great stuff coming up.

Minutes of the latest PTA meetings are attached.

#### **Cake sale and Pre loved Uniform Sale 20th October**

Thanks to everyone for the donations and to the PTA team who ran the stalls yesterday.

We raised £94.80 on cake sales, £37 on uniform sales and a parent donated £20 to the PTA.

We have alot of donated uniform if you would like any items just e-mail us on [oldhuttonpta@gmail.com](mailto:oldhuttonpta@gmail.com) if we have the sizes you need we can arrange for you to collect from school anytime.

#### **Sneak Preview of Events pre Christmas**

- **Christmas Cards and Merchandise** :We are using a company that produce cards, mugs, coasters, gift tags and Santa sacks with designs already drawn by the children. Order forms will be available at the start of November and the deadline order is 14th November. Please support us this is a wonderful fund raiser. (huge thanks to Alice and the school staff who have worked to organise and submit the designs).
- **Movie Night Thursday 17th November: Paddington, PG**
- **Cake Sale and Christmas Jumper sale: 25th November:**Please recycle pre loved Christmas jumpers with us in November and support our sale! Everyone will then have a fresh Christmas jumper for 8th December.
- **Raffle and Refreshments at Christmas play date tbc**
- **Children's Christmas party 19th December:** In a new party format this year the PTA have booked a children's entertainer for the afternoon of 19th December.

#### **Roles to apply for in PTA: Secretary and Treasurer**

Long serving members of the PTA Alice Benson (secretary) and Cat Brown (Treasurer) are stepping down from office though staying in the PTA committee. In November we will publish descriptions of these roles and we would love people to come and discuss with us if you are interested. We have some great plans and ideas this year. We are keen to use new ideas as well as tried and tested offerings.

## Parent helpers: JUST ONE THING

When we advertise our events next term there are events where parent helpers will be really useful to us. Please see if you can choose 'JUST ONE THING' from the schedule to help us at. This frees up our committee to plan and lead events.

Happy Half Term to everyone!

Aileen Wright

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## Key Dates

Event	Date
Break up for October half term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Return to school	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
End of the Autumn Term	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Start of the Spring Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

## School applications

### **Nursery applications for 2023**

April 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 13 January 2023

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

### **Reception applications for 2023**

September 2023 closing date for applications - 15 January 2023

### **Secondary school applications for 2023**

September 2023 closing date for applications - 31 October 2022

For all applications please

visit <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> for further information on how to apply.

## School Year dates 2022-23

### **Autumn Term 2022**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Bank Holiday: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

### **Spring Term 2023**

Staff training day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

### **Summer Term 2023**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June