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# Newsletter #11 – Autumn Term

### Yesmien Visit

On Tuesday Yesmien Bagh Ali visited school to talk about her experiences of being a practising Muslim in Britain. She told the children about her family’s journey from living in Pakistan to moving to Skipton over 60 years ago. Yesmien also talked to all the classes about her faith, shared traditional Islamic stories and gave the children the opportunity to dress in authentic Arabic clothes. The pupils even had the opportunity to learn how to write in Arabic!



### Pupil Parliament

Today four of our pupils represented school at a pupil parliament event at Kendal Rugby Club. Our pupils were joined by representatives from schools across South Lakeland. During the day, the group had the opportunity to speak with Tim Farron MP, talk about what the priorities should be for the new Prime Minister and consider who should be given an award for making a difference in our local community. The pupils also had to do a presentation about what they are doing in school to help others.



### Orienteering

This morning, six pupils from Class Four represented school at an orienteering event at Elleray School. The pupils worked together to navigate round the school grounds looking for points. The group had a brilliant time competing against pupils from across Cumbria.

### Internet Safety at Christmas

Please find attached to this email a fantastic document outlining how to ensure your child is accessing the internet safely at home. Miss Brown has very kindly said that she is always available to help set up any new devices.

### Leave of Absence in Term Time Letter

Dan Barton, Assistant Director of Cumbria County Council, has written to all schools across Cumbria explaining the importance of pupils not having term time holidays. The letter is attached to this email.

### Key Dates

Event	Date
Christmas Jumper/Cake Sale	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Alice in Wonderland – Year 5/6 Production at 6pm	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
End of the Autumn Term	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Start of the Spring Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Upcoming Christmas Events + Fund-Raisers

- **Raffle Tickets:** Each child's book bag came home with two books of raffle tickets on Friday 18th November. Tickets are £1, a book is £5. We are very proud of the great list of prizes, attached to this e mail. We are asking that each family works hard to sell the tickets to friends, family, neighbours to make this a significant fund raiser. We are setting a goal of £1000 and who knows maybe we can do even more? Please sell the tickets and bring cash and completed stubbs to school. A PTA member will be collecting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at drop off. We will also have extra tickets if your sales are going well collect more from us!

- *Our dedicated Christmas raffle team of Harriet, Sarah and Heather have worked incredibly hard to source an amazing list of prizes for our Christmas Raffle. A huge thanks to them for their amazing work.*

- **Raffle and Refreshments at Christmas play 8th December, 6pm:**
- Can anyone help provide cakes for the refreshments at the school play on Thursday 8th December?
- The play is Alice in Wonderland so we would love to theme our refreshments to tie in!

Can you donate any of the following:

- fondant fancies
- jammy dodgers
- fairy cakes
- party rings
- macaroons
- scones with jam and cream
- anything you think would fit really!

All proceeds to the PTA. Any leftovers will be sold on Friday in a pop-up tuck shop at school.

If you are able to help, please bring all items to school on the morning of Thursday 8th.

- **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. More details to follow.
  - *(we will need 3 parent helpers for the afternoon)*

## 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. If you are interested in helping by taking or sharing one of these roles please 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

Parent helpers: Please see if you can choose 'JUST ONE THING' from the schedule above to help us at. Parent helper numbers are in addition to core PTA members who will be leading events.

**Contact the PTA:** [oldhuttonpta@gmail.com](mailto:oldhuttonpta@gmail.com)

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### 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

### School Year dates 2022-23

#### Autumn Term 2022

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