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## Newsletter #1 – Autumn Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your summer breaks and are looking forward to another exciting year at Old Hutton. It has been great speaking to lots of you at drop off and pick up since our return to school on Wednesday. To our new parents, I will use this weekly newsletter to make announcements about upcoming events and to celebrate all the amazing things we do.

### Staff News

I'm delighted to announce that Miss Rodrigues had a baby boy during the summer holidays. Miss Rodrigues, her partner Chesney and baby Tommy-Tiago are all doing well. I am also delighted to announce that Miss Jennifer Linskey has been appointed as a teaching assistant to cover Miss Rodrigues maternity leave.

### Westmorland Show

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting Westmorland Show. An email outlining details of the visit was sent out earlier this week. If you need any further information, please speak to your child's class teacher at drop off or pick up.

### London Trip

I am pleased to announce that Year Five will be visiting London for a day visit on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. To give more information about the visit, I would like to invite parents and carers of Year Five pupils to school for a brief meeting to outline the itinerary of the trip on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm.

### House Groups

This year we have decided to increase the number of house groups from three to four. This is due to the increasing number of pupils we have in all four classes. We would like the pupils and members of our school community to help name the house groups (currently Helvellyn, Scafell and Skiddaw). If you or your child has an idea on what the new names could be, please note them down and send them into school. We will announce the new house groups on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

### School lunches and clubs – wraparound care and extracurricular clubs

Angela has been working hard over the holidays to implement two new sections within ParentPay to provide a more streamlined approach to how we receive requests.

**Lunches** – to be booked under make or view bookings. You have until Wednesday each week to book meals for the following week. Reports are printed and food is ordered the following day so if you miss the deadline, your child **will not** receive a meal the following week and you **will** need to provide a packed lunch.

**Clubs** – these are to be booked under clubs which are available to view in your child's profile. Wraparound care **CAN ONLY BE BOOKED/CANCELLED ONLINE** now. Please ensure this is done in timely fashion to avoid your child being turned away. You do not have to book a pattern, you can book any days you want. Booking online is important so that you can see immediately if there is space, we know what staff we need and also how many to cater for. It also means there is no ambiguity regarding whether your child should be in a club or not. If you call with a request, you

will be directed to ParentPay. Deadlines are 8am on the day for breakfast club (8am or 8.30 start – do not arrive before these times please) and 3pm on the day deadline for ASC (1hr slots from 3.20). If you are late collecting your child (after 5.20), you will incur a £5 late fee to cover costs. If you are using “nursery hours” for wraparound, please still book online and we will sort out the payment side of things this end. Extra-curricular clubs require sign up for all sessions. Any questions, please email Angela in the office.

### **Staff Emails**

Please can I remind all members of our school community the protocol regarding emailing messages to teachers. In the first instance, you must email Angela in the office who will then forward your email to the relevant member of staff. If the member of staff responds to you directly, then that’s fine for that occasion to have a back and forth. However, this does not mean the next time you have a message, that you can email them directly again. Emails must always start with Angela (admin@oldhutton.cumbria.sch.uk).

### **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

I am sure many of you will have seen in the news about the issues caused by reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) used in the construction of school buildings. In the Summer Term, the school building was inspected for RAAC. The Local Authority have informed school that no RAAC was found in the school building.

### **Lost Property**

We still have a huge amount of lost property left over from the last school year. From Monday next week, we will be leaving the lost property on the story stage to be claimed. Any unclaimed lost property next Friday will be donated to the PTA if appropriate, or binned.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival. I will give details of the Harvest church service in next week’s newsletter. The Village Hall will also be hosting a Harvest Festival celebration in the village hall. Please find attached to the newsletter email details of the hall’s celebration, it would be great to see some of our pupils entering the various categories!

### **National Online Safety**

This week’s National Online Safety guide is all about Live Streaming. You can find the guide attached to the Newsletter email. I will include a guide outlining one aspect of internet safety each week. If you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with internet safety, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of staff in school.

To sign up for your own free National Online Safety account please follow the link below.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/old-hutton-cofe-school>

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

### **Key Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
London Trip Parents and Carers Meeting	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm
Westmorland County Show Visit	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Year Five London Trip	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Festival	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September

## **PTA Update**

### **School Year dates 2023-24**

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring Term 2024**

Staff training day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term 2024**

Staff training day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### **Nursery applications for 2024/25**

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

April 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 13 January 2024

September 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2024

January 2025 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2025

#### **Reception applications for 2024**

September 2024 closing date for applications - 15 January 2024

#### **Secondary school applications for 2024**

September 2024 closing date for applications - 31 October 2023

For all applications please

visit <https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

for further information on how to apply.