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Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break from the school routine. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school as everyone shares their holiday news. The children have all settled back in really well. We have welcomed several new children and families both in Class 1 and further up school, we hope you will all be very happy as part of our Orton family. Please say hello to them if you see them around.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff to our staff team. Miss Simpson who is teaching in Class 2 and leading After School Club and Mrs Burns who is a teaching assistant again mostly in Class 2.

As you will have seen in the news the concrete product RAAC has been a problem in schools and has affected the start of the year for some schools. Our school surveyor has advised us that we do not have any RAAC products in our buildings—what a relief!! We have another busy year ahead with lots of exciting experiences for our children. If you ever have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff and we will do our best to help.



After School Club

*Our Free After School Clubs this half term are;
Mondays—Razzamatazz for Classes 1 & 2—*

Please note this ends at 4.40pm

Tuesdays—Art Club with Andi from NISCU for Classes 3 & 4

*Please book your children in by emailing
admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk*

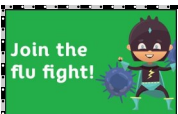


School Office

This year Mrs Percival has decided that she would like to reduce her hours a little so she can spend more time with her family. Therefore she will normally not be in school on Wednesdays. It would be helpful if you could bear this in mind and avoid Wednesdays if you have queries for the office. There are times when there is no one to answer the phone but we regularly check the answerphone so please feel free to leave us a message which we will respond to later.

Letter Pack

Last week we sent out a pack of letters so we have up to date details etc. Thank you to those of you who have returned them it is really helpful and helps the office run efficiently. If you haven't returned them yet please could you complete and send them back ASAP. Thank you



NASAL Flu

It is the Flu vaccination time of year. Consent forms will be coming home in your child's bag this afternoon. Please could you return these ASAP.

Stars

Our first Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 29th September at 9.15am. Visitors are very welcome to join us in school for our Stars Celebration! We hope you can join us. If you would like a Zoom link please let us know in advance and we can set one up.

FOOS

FOOS (Friends of Orton School) are our school PTA. They have several lovely events planned over the coming months, please support these if you can as FOOS are a vital source of funding into school and help us provide lots of little extras for the children.

Very importantly FOOS have the Fell Race on Saturday 23rd September. This attracts runners from all over the Northwest and is FOOS biggest fundraising event of the year. To run this event we need over 40 volunteers to do a range of jobs including marshalling on the course and providing refreshments. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let Jo Hayward know if you can help on the day for an hour or two, your help is vital to make sure this event runs. You can contact Jo by emailing haywardjm75@gmail.com or get in touch with the school office.

At the next AGM FOOS will be looking for a new treasurer. This isn't an onerous job and training will be given but FOOS cannot run without one. Please could you have a think about whether you can help out as the new treasurer and either get in touch with Jo or the school office

Diary Dates



All diary dates are subject to last minute change. More details will follow near the time.

Blue denotes new dates

11/9/23	ASC Razzamatazz—EYFS & KS1
12/9/23	ASC Art Club—KS2
13/9/23	Action Ants Activity Day
14/9/23	EVSP Cross Country Yrs 2-6
23/9/23	Fell Race – Helpers needed
26/9/23	Classes 3 & 4 Trip to Buddhist Temple & Playdale Factory
27/9/23	Settlebeck Open Evening
28/9/23	FOOS Bags to Schools Collection 9.30am Harvest Festival—TBC
29/9/23	9.15am Stars
3/10/23	9.15am Open Morning
5/10/23	10.30am Nasal Flu – R-Yr6
5/10/23	KSGS Open evening for Year 5 & 6
6/10/23	1-2pm Tim Farron visit
W/c 9/10/23	Swimming Wk
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
12/10/23	7-9pm FOOS Glass Fusion evening
13- 20/10/23	Scholastic Book Fair
16/10/23	Hunter Hall Cross Country – Yrs 4/5/6
17/10/23	Parents Evening
20/10/23	Pink Day 2.50pm Stars & Break Up
30/10/23	9am Start of half term
10/11/23	10.30am Remembrance Worship
17/11/23	Children in Need
24/11/23	2.50pm Stars
28/11/23	7-8.30pm FOOS Wreath Making
12/12/23	2pm & 6pm Nativity Performances
15/12/23	9.15am Stars Christmas Lunch
19/12/23	1.30pm End of term service & break up
W/c 1/7/24	Class 4 IOM Residential