

Orton Church of England Primary School

Orton, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 3RG Email: head@orton.cumbria.sch.uk or admin@orton.cumbria.sch.uk Tel: (015396) 24268

Friday 3rd November 2023



Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely break from the school routine and the children are returning to school refreshed ready for the half term ahead. This is one of the busiest half terms of the school year as we approach Christmas. We have lots of exciting plans for our learning as well as some special treats closer to Christmas!

We have noticed recently that we have had an increase in the number and frequency of children who are late to school. When children are late, even by a few minutes it does not set them up well for the learning ahead. Late children arrive in the classroom when the other children are settled and learning has already started. It is also very disruptive to the rest of the class and staff when children are late. If a child is late by just 5 minutes each day for a year they miss at least 3 whole days of learning a year!!! This does not include time spent getting ready for the day or being in the wrong head space for learning due to lateness. Please ensure your children are at school on time every day, you can drop them off anytime from 8.45am and breakfast club is available everyday from 8am. If they are early (8.45am) they don't need to be rushed and can start the day feeling settled and not flustered. We do understand that occasionally things happen that cause a lateness on these occasions please bring your child to the front door and sign them in.

***** **Governors**

Might you or someone you know be interested in becoming a school governor? We have various types of governor and we are often looking to fill vacancies on the governing body or we might be looking for someone with specific skills. If you might be interested in becoming a governor in the future please get in touch to have a chat with either Mrs Pomfret or Richard Petty our Chair of Governors richard@orton.cumbria.sch.uk

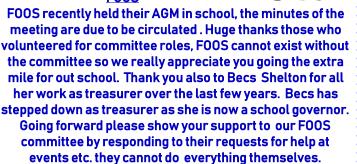
We will then be able to keep a note of interested parties for when vacancies arise. At this stage you aren't committing to anything!

*************** **Ullswater Cruise**

One of our parents has offered us a free evening cruise on Ullswater as a fundraising event. FOOS have discussed this at their recent AGM. It is a fantastic opportunity for our school and fundraising but our current FOOS committee haven't got the capacity to organise this. We are looking for a small team of volunteers who could organise this potentially very special event for our school. Please get in touch ASAP if you think you could help, we'd really appreciate your support.

Our next Stars Assembly of the year is on Friday 24th November at 2.50pm. 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.

F00S



Poppies

Everyday between now and our Remembrance service on Friday 10th November we will have poppies on sale in school to support the Royal British Legion.

This year we are only selling poppies in school. This is to help reduce unnecessary plastics and also to help teach the children that this is about donating to a charity rather than what we can get from it in exchange.

Pink day

Thank you to everyone who supported Pink day and especially those who sent cakes in—they were well recieved!! We raised a brilliant £89.16 for Breast Cancer Now.

Diary Dates



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

Blue denotes new dates

30/10/23 9am Start of half term 31/10/23 Last day for Secondary School Applications 10/11/23 10.30am Remembrance Worship—All Welcome

15/11/23 Interschool Quiz at Asby

16/11/23 KS1 Basic Moves Festival 17/11/23 Children in Need

KS2—Action Ants Winter Sports

24/11/23 2.50pm Stars 27/11/23 Children's Society Assembly

28/11/23 7-8.30pm FOOS Wreath Making 1/12/23 KS1—Action Ants Multisports 6/12/23 KS2 Singing at Methodist Drop In

2pm & 6pm Nativity Performances 12/12/23

Classes 3 & 4 Shrek the Musical in Blackpool 13/12/23 14/12/23 Classes 1 & 2—Gingerbread Man at Kendal

Classes 3 & 4 Singing at Tebay Services 14/12/23

FOOS Secret Santa in school afternoon

15/12/23 9.15am Stars Christmas Lunch

FOOS Secret Santa

6.30pm All Saint's Christingle Service

18/12/23 **Christmas Party**

19/12/23 1.30pm End of term service & break up

Class 4 IOM Residential W/c 1/7/24



Free school meals and clothing vouchers

Apply online to see if your child or children can get free school meals and clothing vouchers. In certain circumstances free school meals are available to families with no recourse to public funds.

Qualifying for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

Benefits you receive

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit Provided you're **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit. Also your annual gross income of **no more** than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Benefits your child receives

Children who get paid these benefits paid to them, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the <u>compulsory age for starting school</u>
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

Any child receiving Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right is also entitled to get free school meals.

Free schools meals are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education. Full education is full days 9am to 3pm, this excludes private nurseries and further education colleges.

Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

If you already get free school meals and clothing grants you do not need to apply for each school year.

Apply for free school meals and school clothing vouchers

- Where possible all parents and guardians should apply online. You will need to register on the Citizen Portal to do this.
 If you apply online you will receive an immediate response telling you if you are eligible for the vouchers.
- If you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team telephone: 0300 373 3300.

More information can be found here;

https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers



With the opportunity to donate to

tearfund

to fight
climate
crisis in
struggling
communities
around the
world

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 7PM — 8.30PM