Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Spring Term. We hope you have had a lovely half term and managed to get out in the sunshine at the beginning of the week.

**Hats on for the Hospice 29th January**

Thank you all for your support with the “Hats for the Hospice” Day in January. We managed to raise £160.00.

**World Book Day Thursday 3rd March**

All the children will take part in special book activities during the week beginning 29th February. They are invited to come into school on Thursday 3rd March dressed as one of their favourite book characters. This will be followed by a special assembly by year 1 at 2.45pm in the hall.

On the previous day the storyteller Emily Hennessey will be coming into school to entertain the children with several story telling workshops.

On Friday 4th March years 3 and 4 are going to Kendal to take part in an “Author Extravaganza” event at the Kendal Leisure Centre. Separate letters giving more details have been sent home about this.

**Snow Closure**

Although the weather is rain at the moment, snow could fall in the next couple of months – the details about what to do if there is heavy snow are below.

We will always make every effort to keep school open, but if the weather becomes more severe this term there could be a possibility that the school would have to be closed. This would primarily be for the health and safety of the children, and also because we have to have the correct staffing levels for the number of children in school.

Any decision regarding the closure of the school because of snow or freezing temperatures overnight will be made by 7.00am. BBC Radio Cumbria and Bay Radio Stations will be informed. Please listen to the local radio stations accessible on:

Bay Radio - 96.9fm/102.3fm/ 103.2fm.

Radio Cumbria - 95.6fm/96.1fm and 104.1fm.

The radio stations announce which schools are closed because of bad weather at quarter to and quarter past the hour. The radio Cumbria web-site is also very efficient and can be found at [www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria) which has a link from the front page straight to the list of schools that are closed.

In the event of the school being closed Mrs Wright, Mr. Kendall and Mrs Carter will walk to school just in case any children arrive. They will then make arrangements for these children to be collected as soon as possible.

The closure plan will remain in place for as long as snow or sub zero temperatures are forecast.

**Paying for school lunches**

Cooked school lunches are available at no cost to all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. Meals cost £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) for children in the other years. Meals should be paid for in advance at the beginning of each week. Menus are sent home regularly so that parents can choose which days they want their children to have a school meal. Extra copies of the three week menu choice are available from the school office – it is also posted on the front door.

A few parents are not keeping up to date with paying for school meals. Occasionally this happens over several weeks and the amount of debt owed to the school becomes large. We have been advised by the legal Team at the County Council that once this happens we should stop providing hot meals for the children. It would be unethical to stop providing the children with something to eat, if they haven’t got a packed lunch, so they will be given a simple sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink. This will also cost £2.20 per day.

*I will be writing to any parents who fall into this category this week. If you know that you have fallen behind with dinner money and would like to come to an arrangement to pay it back in instalments, whilst your child continues to have a hot meal please come and see me immediately, before the new procedures come into place on 1st March 2016.*

**Rugby Coaching – KS2**

This will take place during curriculum time from Thursday 25th February. Please see the table below for when your child will need sports kit in school. Children will need trainers to be able to take part in these sessions.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Class** | **Sessions** |
|  | |
| Year 6 | 6 weeks from 25th February |
| Year 5 | 25th February, 3rd March |
| Year 4 | 10th March, 17th March |
| Year 3 | 14th April |

**Medical conditions**

Please keep us up-to-date about all medical conditions. We also need to know about food and nut allergies, so that we can keep all the children as safe as possible. Please remember to make sure your child has a spare inhaler in school if they are asthmatic.

**Jewellery in school**

Please can all parents remember that jewellery is not allowed in school. This is primarily for the children’s safety. The only exception to this is plain stud earrings for children who have pierced ears. **However these should be removed for PE as soon as the six week limit for new piercings is over.**

**Parking outside school**

**Please don’t park or stop on the yellow lines outside school. This is for the safety of ALL our children.**

**Extra school activities – Spring Term 2016**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| .**Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| *Lunchtime clubs* | | | | |
| Book club  Y1 and y5 | Choir  Book club  Y1 and y5 | Girls Football  Years 5 and 6 | School Council  Book club  Y1 and y5 |  |
| *After school until 4.00pm* | | | | |
| Forest schools  Years 1 and 2  Hockey  Years 3 and 4  Football  Years 4 to 6  Badminton  Art Club  Years 4 and 5  *Until 4.15pm* | Staff meeting | Code Club  Years 3 to 6  Choir  2nd, 9th March | Netball  Years 3 to 6  Rugby  Year 5 and 6  *From 3rd March* |  |

*Barrow AFC Community Sports are also running football coaching for years 1 – 6 on Tuesdays after school. This runs from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Application forms for this are available from the office.*

**Class Assemblies 2016**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Which class or classes** |
|  | |
| Friday 26th February | Reception and year 5 |
| Thursday 3rd March | Year 1 |
| Friday 4th March | Mother’s Day – all children |
| Friday 11th March |  |
| Friday 18th March | Year 4 |
| Thursday 24th March – 9.30am | Easter – all children |
| *Easter Holiday* | |
| Friday 22nd April |  |
| Friday 29th April | Year 3 |
| Friday 6th May | Year 1 |
| Friday 13th May |  |
| Friday 20th May | Reception |
| Friday 27th May | Year 6 |

**Advanced warning of Diary Dates**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Event** | **For which year group** | **Times** |
| 23.02.2016 | Barrow AFC football coaching | Option | 3.00 – 4.00pm |
| 29.03.2016 | Tesco fair-trade workshops | All | Morning |
| 02.03.2016 | Book Week Storytelling Day | All | All day |
| 03.03.2016 | World Book Day – dressing up | All | All day |
| 04.03.2016 | Mother’s Day Assembly | All | 2.30pm |
| 08.03.2016 | Year 5 Taster Day at UVHS | 5 | All day |
| 10.03.2016 | Puberty Talks | 6 | Morning |
|  | Blackwell and Grasmere visits | 5 | All day |
| 11.03.2016 | UVHS Dance Festival | 4 | Evening |
| 15.03.2016 | Forensic science day | 2 – 6 | All day |
| 16.03.2016 | Parent consultations | All | 9.00 – 4.50pm |
| 17.03.2016 | Macbeth performance at Blackwell | 5 | Afternoon |
|  | South Cumbria Music Festival | Choir | Evening |
| 18.03.2016 | Sports Relief Day | All | All day |
| 21.03.2016 | Puberty Talks | 5 | Morning |
| 22.03.2016 | Parent consultations | All | 3.00-4.50pm |
| 23.03.2016 | Experience Easter at St Paul’s | 4 | Morning |
|  | Taster session at Dowdales | 5 | Morning |
| 24.03.2016 | Break up for Easter holiday | All | 2.00pm |
| ***Easter Holiday*** | | | |
| 11.04.2016 | Start of Summer Term | All | 8.45am |
| 12.04.2016 | Raise Awareness of Autism Day | All | All day |
| 13.04.2016 | K’Nex workshops | 3 and 4 | All day |
| 14.04.2016 | “Sword in the Stone” literacy, musical theatre | All | Afternoon |
| 19.04.2016 | Barrow AFC multi skills training | 1 and 2 | 3.00 – 4.00pm |
| 04.05.2016 | “Forces” special science day | All | All day |
| 09.05.2016 | Key Stage 2 SATs Tests | 6 | 4 days |
| 10.05.2016 | Tree Tops Trek | 3 | All day |
| 12.05.2016 | Bee Bots workshops | 1 and 2 | All day |
| 16.05.2016 | Christian Aid Worm Day | All | All day |
| 19.05.2016 | Skipping Day | All | All day |
| 25.05.2016 | Harmonica Workshops | All | Sessions |
| 27.05.2016 | Break up for half term | All | 3.15pm |
| ***Half term holiday*** | | | |
| 06.06.2016 | Second half term starts | All | 8.45am |
|  | School photographs | All | 8.45am |
| 07.06.2016 | Fell walking | 2 | All day |
| 09.06.2016 | Fell walking | 2 | All day |
| 13.06.2016 | Zentangle Art | 3 - 6 | Workshops |
| 14.06.2016 | Barrow AFC cricket coaching | 3 – 6 | 3.00 – 4.00pm |
| 16.06.2016 | Chef visiting year 2 - cooking | 2 | Afternoon |
| 21.06.2016 | Taster session at Furness Academy | 5 | Morning |
| 27-29.06.2016 | London Residential | 6 | 3 days |
| 04/05.07.2016 | Secondary Transition Days | 6 | Both days |
| 13-15.07.2016 | Barhaugh Hall residential | 4 | 3 days |
| 21.07.2016 | Break up for the Summer Holiday | All | 2.00pm |

**Sports Relief Friday 18th March 2016**

Both school and nursery will be taking part in this. Children are invited to come into school wearing “something sporty” and giving a contribution of 50p to the charity. Sports Relief official wristbands will be on sale for £1.00. There will also be a break time cake stall, where cakes will cost 50p. All money raised will go to Sports Relief. The children will take part in a variety of sporting activities during the day.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Parent Consultations**

As some of you will know Mr Thornhill’s wife is expecting a baby towards the end of term. Because of this he will do Parent consultations earlier than the other classes. Please make sure that you fill in the correct from to return to school to book your appointments.

Yours sincerely

Wendy R Jacobs

Headteacher

**Summer Term starts on Monday 11th April 2016**

**Parent Consultations Appointments**

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year group \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the chosen time-slots:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Wednesday 16th March** |  | **Tuesday 22nd March** |  |
|  | | | |
| 9.15 – 10.00am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 10.00 – 11.00am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 11.00 – 11.50am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 1.00 – 2.00pm |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 2.00 – 3.00pm |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 3.30 – 4.30pm |  | 3.30 – 4.30pm |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 4.30 – 5.00pm |  | 4.30 – 4.50pm |  |

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**YEAR 3 Parent Consultations**

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Year group 3**

Please tick the chosen time-slots:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Tuesday 8th March** |  | **Thursday 10th March** |  |
|  | | | |
| 9.15 – 10.00am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 10.00 – 11.00am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 11.00 – 11.50am |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 1.00 – 2.00pm |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 2.00 – 3.00pm |  |  |  |
|  | | | |
| 3.30 – 4.30pm |  | 3.30 – 4.30pm |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 4.30 – 5.00pm |  | 4.30 – 4.50pm |  |