

# Newsletter - 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022

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### **Welcome back to a new term.**

This week, we officially became part of Cumbria Education Trust, a family of 9 other primary schools and 4 secondary schools. Some of you might have seen on the Cumbria Education Trust Facebook page the warm welcome we received from other schools. It has been great to see children around school in their new jumpers looking smart and ready for learning. We've had an exciting week, including meeting children from other CET schools virtually and working with a local artist to produce some fabulous art to display around school.

After a lot of decorating over the holidays the school is looking lovely too. Over the next few weeks, we have more changes including a brand-new library. Our new school website has also been launched which will be updated regularly with all the information you require, including term dates. We will be inviting all parents to school for an open morning at the beginning of December, where you will be able to visit your child in class and see what they get up to in school. Details to follow.

### **Welcome**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Elzbieta Strzelczyk as our new office manager. Elzbieta will be in school each day until after 4pm.

As well as making sure communication is improved, she will be there to answer the phone with any questions or queries you may have.

Please say hello when you see her and give her a big Petheril Bank welcome.

### **Parents evening**

On the evening of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding a parents evening to let you know more about the progress your child is making.

Attached to this newsletter is a booking form. Fill it out and return to school as soon as possible.

If the times are not convenient to you, please let us know and we will do our utmost to fit you in at another time.

### **School Council**

Each class has now chosen their representatives for school council. Over the next few weeks, they are going to be working with Steve on the lunch menus and deciding how to improve our playground.

### **School Local Board/ Governing body**

We are looking for two parents to join our new governing body. This is a voluntary role.

There are 4 to 5 meetings a year. This is a fantastic opportunity to represent the views of the parents as we continue to move the school forward. Please come and talk to me about this if you are interested.

### **Attendance**

Well done to the 45 children who had 100% attendance last half term.

Ullswater class (Yr1/2) had the best attendance and therefore will be getting a 'break the rules' day in the next couple of weeks. Miss Mellor the class teacher will let the parents of her class know when this will be.

Poor attendance has a direct link to how well children do in school so please support us in getting your child/ children to school on time. Just a reminder; school gates now close at 8:50am. Children arriving after this time will be classed as late. Please remember that unless there are exceptional circumstances no holidays will be agreed in term time.

We do understand that children pick up bugs from other children. We ask that if a child is sick or has diarrhoea that they are kept off school for 48 hrs from the last episode.

If your child is off school please could you ring or leave a message to let us know.

### **PE Kit reminder**

Towards the end of last term we had a number of children who did not have the correct PE kit in school. If your child does not have a PE kit in school they may not be able to participate or may be given a spare one to wear. School shoes are not acceptable footwear for PE sessions.

Kit:

Trainers or pumps

Plain navy blue or navy blue Patteril bank logo PE t-shirt

Plain navy blue pe shorts

For outdoor sessions children can wear navy joggers

### **Gymnastics**

There are 2 free Gymnastics clubs starting next week.

KS2 (Years 3-6) – Wednesdays

Early years and KS1 (Years R-2) – Thursdays.

These will run for 3:30 – 4:15pm.

Unfortunately, due to parents evening the KS2 club will not run on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Please let us know on the gate, by letter, or by phone if your child will be attending.