

Newsletter - 9th December, 2022

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience



The children are beginning to count down the number of days in school, but we still have lots to finish before the end of term.

On Wednesday, parents are welcome from 1:50pm to come and watch our Reception and KS1 production 'Christmas with the Aliens'. The children have been practising all week and although I haven't seen the finished product the singing has sounded beautiful.

This week we have been informed by the local Police about a couple of incidents in the local area where a couple of men have approached younger children. We have had a general chat in school about stranger danger but would appreciate this message being reinforced at home.

You may have also seen in the news about the increase in the Strap A and Scarlett fever. I have given you the most up to date information on the following page.

Well done to Buttermere who have the best attendance this term. They get a 'break the rules' day on Thursday which means that they can come to school in non-uniform and bring a snack of their choice at playtime!

Christmas lunch

A kind member of the public has very generously offered to pay for Christmas lunch for everyone in the school. If your child normally has a packed lunch, could you confirm that you would like them to receive this. Children can come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers/ dresses etc on the day.

If anyone has any Christmas clothing that their children have grown out of, we will happily receive it so that we can pass it on to families with younger children.

Dates for the diary



This week

Mon 12th – Last swimming session for Buttermere class

Wed 14th Dec – Early years/ KS1 Xmas production – 2pm

Thurs 15th Dec – Buttermere 'Break the Rules' day

Fri 16th Dec – whole school trip to cinema. Please make sure you arrive at school on time!

Mon 19th Dec – KS2 Christmas carol service St Johns, Upperby – 2pm (Please note that nursery, reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will remain in school)

Tue 20th Dec – Xmas lunch – wear Christmas clothes for school

Last day of term. Finishing at normal time – **3:20pm**

Clubs

There will be **NO** clubs in school until after Christmas.



Bingo

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Bingo. We made £210 which will go towards the cost of our Christmas Cinema trip on Friday.

Scarlet Fever and Strep A

Many of you will have seen or heard about the increasing numbers of children contracting Scarlet Fever or Strep A. Currently we have **no** confirmed cases in school but will let you know if we do. The following information has been sent to us by Public Health.

Scarlet Fever

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it is highly infectious, and it should be treated with antibiotics, to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread of infection to others.

The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash, which has a “sandpapery” feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to visually detect, but it will still have a “sandpapery” feel.

If you think your child has scarlet fever, you should:

- Contact the NHS on 111 or your GP
- Make sure that your child takes the full course of any prescribed antibiotics
- Keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection to others
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Group A Strep

On very rare occasions, the bacteria that causes scarlet fever can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep. Whilst this is uncommon, there has also been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

Currently, there is no evidence that a new strain of Group A strep is circulating. The increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

As a parent/carer, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. You should contact the NHS on 111 or your GP if:

- Your child is getting more unwell
- Your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- Your child is showing signs of dehydration
- Your child is very tired or irritable

You should call 999 or take your child to A&E if:

- Your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- There are pauses when your child breathes
- Your child’s skin, tongue or lips are blue
- Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

If your child is confirmed as having either scarlet fever or Group A strep, please contact us as soon as possible.