



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

### **Attendance**

We have continued to have a really positive start to the year in regard to attendance. Our attendance since we started back in September is 97.9% – thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Parking around the school gates**

Can I please remind families not to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines near the school gate at pick-up and drop-off. I appreciate that during these busy times that it can be difficult to find a space close to the school, but parking on the lines poses a danger to the large number of children accessing the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all of you who attended our Parents' Consultation Evenings this week. As always, the turnout was fantastic and it was a great opportunity to find out how both parents and teachers feel the children have settled in to their new classes this year. If you were unable to attend either of the sessions, please contact your child's class teacher and they will make an appointment at a convenient date and time.

### **Deadline for Secondary School Applications**

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that applications for secondary school places close on 31st October 2024. When completing the form, it is strongly recommended that you choose more than one preference in case you are unsuccessful in securing your first choice.

### **Book Fair**

Many thanks to Miss Gray and the children in Year 6 for their hard work running the Book Fair earlier this month. The Fair, as always, was a huge success raising over £1200 (nearly £400 more than last year!), of which school will receive a percentage. Thank you also to those who came along to support it.

### **Changes to PE days:**

After half term, the majority of classes will have PE on the same day as they currently do.

Children will have PE on the following days (classes whose days have changed are highlighted):

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Year 1: Monday & Thursday

**Year 2: Tuesday & Friday**

Year 3: Tuesday & Friday

Year 4: Monday & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Wednesday & Thursday

### **PTO for Dates for Diaries**



## Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Autumn term (**recently added dates in red**):

### November

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School re-opens for children

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception & Year 6 Height and Weights

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 Borrowdale meeting for parents 5:45pm (Online)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 Hawkhurst Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need day (details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Year 5 visit to the Great North Museum

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for all classes in school

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability (Details to follow)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Non-uniform day in aid of tombola stall for Christmas Fair

### December

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – St Oswald's Christmas Choir to perform festive songs in the parish hall after Mass

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9:00am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9:00am

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9:00am

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9:00am

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas Party in school

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch in school

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Break up for the Christmas holidays

### PTO for other important dates



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025** – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025** - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Year 5 residential to Keswick

As you know, school will close for the half term break tonight. I look forward to seeing you on our return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

