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Dear Parents,

November is here already and we have a busy couple of weeks ahead, so here are some dates for your diaries. We will send you a November newsletter next week as all the dates in this letter will probably be enough for now!

However, we must congratulate Oscar in Year 6, who won 5 gold medals in a swimming gala in Barrow last weekend. Oscar competes for his club Carlisle Aquatics and is a rising star in the field of swimming. He swims all strokes but butterfly and breaststroke are his favourites. Well-done Oscar.

Forest school is on Monday next week as the older children will visit the cathedral at Carlisle on Tuesday.

Flu Immunisation

Just a reminder that on Monday NHS nurses will be in school to administer the nasal flu immunisations. If you completed the form for your child they will receive the immunisation in the morning.

PTFA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to our brilliant PTFA for organising the disco last night. Everyone seemed to be having a “frightfully” marvellous time! The AGM is in school on Monday night at 7pm. It won’t be a long meeting but we do need new members to come along as it is a time to plan events for the year ahead and discuss how the PTFA can support school, providing social events for the community and raising funds to support and enrich children’s learning in school. PLEASE come along. We’ll put the kettle on.

Carlisle Cathedral Visit ~ Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

On Tuesday November 5th Years 3 to 6 will attend a workshop visit to prepare for the concert on December 5th. We will all have an early lunch before travelling by bus to the cathedral. Mrs Gill, Mrs A, Mrs Wylie, Miss Holmes and Chloe (Casper’s mum) will accompany the children on this visit.

Into Film Visit ~ Year 4, 5 and 6

On Wednesday November 6th Years 4, 5 and 6 will travel to Penrith to see a film. We will travel in cars, leaving school at 9.15am and returning for late lunch at 1.30pm. We will take plenty of fruit with us for snack and our water bottles. Parents helping with transport are:-

Caroline Bowe, Aleathea Tyson, Sarah Ruddick, Kirsty Turnbull

Mrs Gill & Mrs Wylie are also driving and are the staff in charge of the visit.

Reading Evening

On Wednesday we are having our reading evening. It runs from 5.30pm to 7pm. This is such a lovely event. Children can come to school in their pyjamas or onesies, slippers or socks (the children have given us clear instructions), or just in their normal clothes.

Of course, favourite teddy is invited along, too!

There will be a Scholastic book fair in the school hall, where tea, coffee and traybakes will be available for parents during the reading sessions. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 class will perform two songs during the break. They have been learning these songs in music with Mr Verry. It will be such a treat for everyone.

Teachers will read stories to children in each of the classrooms. We will have an interval half way through when children can go down to the hall for hot chocolate and marshmallows or a drink of milk or water.

Reading for pleasure is so important, whether this is reading to yourself or being read to. At the event we will have some information and websites available for you with advice and data from educational research highlighting the value of reading for all learning.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Scholastic boxes will be available to look at after school on Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday evening.

Basic Moves Festival ~ Year 2

This festival is on Thursday November 7th in the afternoon. Children in Year 2 will participate in this event. We will travel to Penrith by car, leaving school at 12.30pm and returning for the end of the school day. Children will wear PE kit to the event. Make sure they have their full kit including trainers in school please.

All children need full PE kit in school including trainers. This is our only uniform requirement. This equipment should be left in school for a full half term. We will send it home at the beginning of each holidays to be washed.

Children in Need Day

Pudsey day is on November 15th. We will let you know what is happening once we have discussed and planned it with the children in student voice assembly next week.

Eden Rock Climbing Wall Experience

On the morning of Tuesday November 26th the whole school will visit Eden Rock for a climbing wall experience. We will travel by bus to the venue in Carlisle, with the Year Reception, 1 and 2 group having the first session, followed by Years 3 to 6.

Christmas Journey

On the afternoon of Wednesday November 27th Year 1 children will visit Langwathby Methodist chapel for a Christmas journey experience. They will travel by car. More information to follow.



Thursday December 5th

The cathedral Concert takes place in the evening for children in Years 3 to 6. More information about tickets to follow.

Christmas Play

Advanced notice that the Christmas play will be on Friday December 13th. One performance is in the morning with another in the evening at 6.30pm.

After School Clubs

We are aware of how much everything costs when you have young children so are subsidising our physically active after school clubs so that they can be accessible for everyone. If your child would like to go to a club and you feel unable to cover the cost please let me know and we will try to support with this.

Day		
Monday	Year 6 Transition club ~ free	Cycling club Year Reception to 5 ~ £1.50 per session ~ you need to commit to a full half term ~ total cost £12
Tuesday	Games club ~ £1.50 per session ~ half term cost in total £12	
Wednesday	Craft club ~ £1.50 per session ~ half term cost in total £12	
Thursday	Healthy living club ~ £1 per session ~ half term cost £8	
Friday	Football club ~ £1 per session half term cost £4	Smart moves club club ~ £1 per session ~ half term cost £8
One-off attendance is £2.50 per session and can be booked on the day. This applies to all clubs.		
Wrap around is from 4.30 to 5pm and will remain at a cost of £2		

Please complete the slip overleaf or let Mrs Dowes know which clubs you would like your child to attend.

Yours sincerely,
Helen Hepworth

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Headteacher

Name

I would like my child/children to attend club on the sessions indicated below and have attached the payment for the full term

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