



October Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents,

Friday 1st 2021

Our pupils have settled back into school life extremely well and have adapted to the new routines. I am particularly pleased with how our younger children are now lining up and coming into school. The start of school-life can very daunting, but we do believe in getting our children into routines and making them independent very quickly. Thank you for your support with this.

PTA Meeting if you would like to join our PTA please follow our Yarlside PTA Facebook page where we will share information and ask for volunteers to help out at different events.

Harvest Festival due to the current Covid situation and to avoid a cramped hall, this year we will be ticketing both events. Each family will receive two tickets. The events will take place on Thursday 7th 2:30pm (Nur/Infant parents) and Friday 8th at 9am (Junior). We do hope you understand the reasons why we are needing to limit numbers this year. Can we also ask that any unwanted tickets are returned to the school office.

Harvest Donations we are collecting items for our local care homes. During the pandemic both the residents and care workers have had such a tough time. We would like to make hampers for our pupils to deliver. Any raffle prizes and cake donations will also be gratefully received. The children are looking forward to performing for you.

Additional Bank Holiday Next year is the Queen's

Reminders

COVID-19 Children under the age of 18 are now required to isolate if their siblings test positive for COVID-19. 3-5 days after the onset of symptoms in the sibling who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms), the close contact

Platinum Jubilee. As this falls during half-term, schools have been given permission to take an additional day at some point in the academic year. The Trust decision is to take Friday 26th November. This is to have minimum impact during the assessment periods in the school calendar. School will be closed on this day.

Applications to Secondary School Sept 2022 the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October. Year 6 parents please ensure these have been submitted in good time.

Reception Class 2022 the window to apply for a Reception Place is now open. Nursery parents have until 15th January 2022 to do this.

Halloween Disco The PTA have organised the fancy dress disco for Thursday 4th Nov. The event will be £2 entry with hot dogs, refreshments and activities on sale (see diary dates for times). This is an opportunity for our children to wear their outfits again and have fun with their friends. Nursery children will be having an event in school—more details to follow. If you can help out at our Harvest events or at the Halloween disco join the Yarlside PTA Facebook page. All help is greatly received.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal We will again be supporting the Boxes of Hope Charity, Your child has been given a leaflet. If you want to make a Shoebox for a child please send into school by 1st November. Please also ensure that you have paid the £2 towards delivery. I think this is a great opportunity to

child should get a PCR test. If negative, they can return to school, but should isolate immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 later. If your child is displaying any symptoms they should not come into school and you should

discuss with our children how fortunate they are at Christmas compared to other children around the world. Additional leaflets for friends and family are available in the school entrance hall. Further information is available from www.boxesofhopecumbria.co.uk

Family Support Worker I would like to introduce Oliver Moore our newly appointed Family Support Worker. Oliver is employed across the Trust to work with our families in a number of situations, either within the school setting or at home. Oliver works with Yarlside each Wednesday morning. He is available to visit homes and support with behaviour, attendance, well-being and social and emotional issues. If you feel you require his support please contact our school SENDCO, Mrs Mason mrsma-son@yarlsideacademy.co.uk

School Improvement as always we are continually striving to ensure that our school facilities and resources remain outstanding. During the Summer holidays the school had a full electrical rewire with all lighting replaced. The entrance hall was also painted and re-furbished. We have also purchased new laptops for Y3 and now have 1:1 devices across the junior classes. The infant reading scheme has also recently been upgraded with a £2.5k spend!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher



book a PCR test straight away. If we do have any positive cases in school we will continue to work alongside Public Health.

October Diary Dates

- Wed 6th Y5/6 STEM Workshops
- Thurs 7th Harvest Tea 2:30pm
- Thurs 7th U10's Football Competition, Pulse
- Fri 8th Harvest Tea 9am
- Tues 12th & Thurs 14th Parent's Evening
- Thurs 14th Nasal Flu Vaccination Rec-Y6
- Thurs 14th U11's Girls Football Comp, Yarlside
- Wed 20th Reception Dinosaur Day
- Fri 22nd Work of the Month *9am Nur/Infant *1:45pm Juniors
- Fri 22nd Break for Half Term

November Diary Dates

- Mon 1st Return to School Autumn 2
- Wed 3rd Y5/6 After School Singing Workshop Starts Becki Fishwick
- Thurs 4th Halloween Disco Infant 5-6pm Junior 6:15-7:15pm
- Fri 5th Tempest Individual/Family Photographs
- Fri 5th Roast Dinner Day Reception Parents
- Fri 12th Children in Need
- Tues 16th Football County Finals, Carlisle
- Wed 17th Last Swimming Y4/5
- Tues 23rd January Intake Nursery Induction
- Fri 26th Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tues 30th Work of the Month *9am Nur/Infant *2:45pm Juniors

