October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents,

Our pupils have settled back into the school term extremely well and have adapted to their new year groups and expectations. 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.

Applications to Secondary School Sept 2024 the closing date for secondary school applications is Tuesday 31st October. Year 6 parents please ensure these have been submitted in good time to receive your guaranteed place at Furness Academy (if this is your first choice).

Reception Class 2024 the window to apply for a Reception Place is now open. Nursery parents have until 15th January 2024 to do this.

Available Places we currently have a place in our Y3 and Y5 class. If you do know of anyone looking for a place at our school ask them to contact the school office.

Parent's Evenings are taking place next Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th. Details with information about how to book through our online booking system have been sent out last week.

Pupil Absence a reminder to phone the school office and leave a message on our absence line if your child is to be absent from school. Some parents are emailing teachers direct and this is impacting on our safeguarding and absence procedures.

School Uniform children should have a warm coat each day in school. We are approaching the colder months now and unless it is raining we will be outside for fresh air each break and lunchtime.

PTA our Yarlside PTA Facebook page is where we will share information and ask for volunteers to help out at different events. We are always grateful for any support we receive. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered for the Harvest Festival.

Governor Vacancy we have a vacancy on our Local Academy Committee at Yarlside. This is not a parent vacancy, we are looking for a either a grandparent, someone within our local community or a professional. If you know of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact school where we can discuss the role.

Harvest Festival performances will take place this Thursday 5th 2:30pm and Friday 7th at 9:00am. Due to limited space in the hall we ask that you only attend one of these events. We will be selling tea and coffee as well as holding a raffle. Any raffle prizes and cake donations will also be gratefully received.

Yarlside Charity Work this year we have chosen a local charity that we will be supporting throughout the year—**Furness Youth Work Partnership**. This charity supports our young people within the Barrow community. Their work includes Young Carers, Drop Zone, Furness Multi-Cultural Forum and Youth Ability to name but a few. Any fundraising events will be for this charity. We thought that it would be a great opportunity to invite the charity in to discuss their work and for the children to see where the raised funds go to.

Harvest Collection we are collecting food items for our chosen charity which include biscuits, sweets, pop, crisps and any baking items e.g. flour, sugar, cooking chocolate. You are welcome to send any other food items in which we will donate to Barrow Foodbank.

Halloween Disco The PTA have organised the annual fancy dress disco for Thursday 2nd November. 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 Halloween costumes and have fun with their friends. Nursery children will be having their own 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.

Fussy Eating Workshop a reminder that you can attend this at Victoria Academy (see diary for times and date).

Manchester Pantomime Y5/6 we have secured tickets to run our annual panto trip to Manchester for Years 5 and 6. This year's performance of Jack & the Beanstalk features Jason Manford, Wednesday 13th Dec. The full cost of the trip is £30 (deposit £10) includes the ticket price and return coach. We have initially opened the trip up to Y5 & 6 until this Friday 6th. If we still have tickets available we will release the remaining tickets to Y4. Further details and booking are available on Parentpay.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Pierce
Headteacher

Reminders

*PARKING please be respectful of local residents and the safety of our children by avoiding blocking driveways, parking in the bus stop and parking on zig-zag lines. We frequently receive complaints from residents about parking issues. We recommend parking slightly away from school and walking the remainder. Thank you for your support with this.

*When Dropping Off for breakfast club please avoid using staff car park spaces as this is a very busy time of the school day.

October Diary Dates

- ☺ Tues 3rd Tempest Photography Individual/Family
- ☺ Thurs 5th Nasal Flu Immunisation Rec-Y6
- ☺ Thurs 5th Harvest Tea 2:30pm
- ☺ Fri 6th Girls Inclusive Football Event, Furness College (am)
- ☺ Fri 6th Harvest Tea 9am
- ☺ Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Parent's Evening
- ☺ Thurs 12th Boys Inclusive Football Event, Furness College (am)
- ☺ Fri 13th Y5/6 Football Final, Furness Academy (pm)
- ☺ Mon 16th Y5/6 Dodgeball Competition, Furness College
- ☺ Tues 17th Reception RWI Morning
- ☺ Thurs 19th Fussy Eating Workshop at Victoria Academy 3:30pm
- ☺ Fri 20th Work of the Month *9am Nur/Infant *1:45pm Juniors
- ☺ Fri 20th Break for Half Term
- ☺ Mon 30th Return to School — Autumn Term 2
- ☺ Tues 31st Closing Date Secondary School Applications
- ☺ Tues 31st Nursery Halloween Party
- ☺ Tues 31st Y5 Nurser Puberty Talk

November Diary Dates

- ☺ Thu 2nd Halloween Disco Rec/Y1/Y2 5-6pm, Y3-6 6:15-7:15pm
- ☺ Tues 14th Nur Parent's Stay & Play
- ☺ Fri 17th Children in Need
- ☺ Wed 22nd Last Swimming Y4/5
- ☺ Wk Beg 27th Last Week of Extra Curricular Activities
- ☺ Tues 28th Work of the Month *9am Nur/Infant *2:45pm Juniors
- ☺ Thu 30th Christmas Fair 5pm