



January Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term. I hope you had the opportunity to spend some quality family time together. We are really looking forward to getting back into school and cracking on with our learning.

Welcome! I would particularly like to welcome our new children and their families who have started in our Nursery Class. Also, a big welcome to Mrs McCowen who is our new teacher in Reception Class. Mrs Brocker has now started her adoption leave, but will be in to visit late in the year.

Thank you for your support with our Christmas events. We raised £1619 at our Christmas Fayre and £156 on Christmas Jumper Day. I'd like to say a big thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work in helping on such events. We will be working with the student council looking at ways to spend the money on resources for our children.

Attendance continues to be an important priority for our school. We are currently below the government expectation (96%), the large majority of which is due to holidays taken in term time, in addition to illness. We are seeing a significant increase in holidays taken in term time, this alongside any illness is impacting on children's time in school. Please consider carefully the impact on your child's education when taking children out of school for holidays. I will be writing to parents of those children who are currently 'Persistent Absentees' (below 90%) within the next few weeks.

Extra Curricular Activities clubs for the Spring Term will start the week beginning 22nd January. We will send out further information via Parentpay within the next few weeks. Places continue to be open to allow all children to have an opportunity to attend their chosen club. If certain club numbers become too large we will split into half-term groups. Please check dates carefully and discuss with your child if they are wanting to attend the club before booking them onto it. Places are booked via your Parentpay account.

Reception Class 2024 the closing date for applying for a place within our school is January 15th. It is vital that you apply before the closing date to increase the opportunity of gaining your first choice.

Family Support Worker we understand that Christmas can be a very stressful time for some families and that situations at home may have changed during the holiday period. A reminder that Michelle Davies our Family Support Worker is available to provide support. She is available for 'Drop In' sessions in school each Wednesday morning.

Governor Vacancy we have a vacancy on our Local Academy Committee at Yarlside. This is not a parent vacancy, we are looking for 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.

Breakfast and After School Clubs a reminder to book places via Parentpay, before 7pm (previous night) for breakfast club and 10:30am for after school club. Numbers are continuing to increase and we do need to know in advance to plan for staffing ratios. Children must be booked in advance to guarantee a place.

Available Places we currently have one place in our Y2 and Y3 class. All other classes are full. If you do know of anyone looking for a place at our school ask them to contact the school office.

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Thursday 4th December

January Diary Dates

- ☺ Thursday 4th Return to School
- ☺ Wk Beg 8th Karate Starts
- ☺ Wed 10th Y2/3 Swimming Starts
- ☺ Fri 12th Cross-Country Competition Y3-6, Furness Academy (pm)
- ☺ Fri 19th Y5/6 Girls Football, Furness Academy (pm)
- ☺ Mon 22nd Extra Curricular Activities Start
- ☺ Thurs 25th Y2 Multi-Skills Event, Furness Academy (pm)

February Diary Dates

- ☺ Fri 2nd Work of the Month 9am Infant, 1:45pm Y3-6
- ☺ Fri 2nd Netball Event Y5/6, Furness Academy
- ☺ Monday 5th Panathlon Event, Furness College (am)
- ☺ Wed 7th Young Voices, Manchester
- ☺ Fri 9th Break for Half Term
- ☺ Mon 19th Return to School—Spring 2
- ☺ Wed 21st Nursery Grandparent Day
- ☺ Thurs 29th Work of the Month 9am Infant, 2:45pm Y3-6



Reminders

Parking as always please be respectful of our local community and avoid blocking driveways and parking on double yellow lines.

