



## March Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents,

We were delighted to have received a letter last week from Damian Hinds, Minister for Schools, congratulating Yarlside on being amongst the top 5% of primary schools in the country for assessment results and progress at the end of Key Stage 2. This is a fantastic achievement and most certainly reflects the commitment, dedication and passion that the school team put into achieving the very best for our pupils.

**Parent's Evening** takes place later this month. We will continue to use the online booking system for you to make an appointment, details will be sent out next week. This is a really important opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress.

**PE Kit Addition** we are adding leggings to our girls' PE kit. These are navy blue with Yarlside printed down one leg - in school colours. These are not compulsory and are an optional purchase. They can be worn instead of shorts. The leggings are available from Cumbria Embroidery, Dalton Rd. Prices start from £13.95.

**SATs Tests** please avoid any medical appointments and absences during Y6 SATs week 13th-17th May.

### Reminders

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

**Nursery Applications for September 2024** the closing date for our Nursery applications for September is Friday 22nd. Application forms can be collected from the school office. Children can start in a school nursery the term after the child is 3 years old.

**Attendance** in school makes a huge impact not only upon a child's attainment and progress but also upon their self-esteem and confidence. I cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance

Yearly Attendance	Weeks
95%	2
90%	4
85%	6
80%	8
75%	10

in school. Please see below attendance percentage to days missed.

**World Book Day** will take place this Thursday 7th March. We are really looking forward to the day and have a planned a number of activities that the children will be taking part in across the school. We hope you have enjoyed the 'Masked Reader' on our social media, all will be revealed to the children, this Thursday. The winners of the design a wrapper competition will be announced on Thursday too. A reminder that we would like the children to come into school wearing a colour of their choice or dressed as a crayon. All children will receive a £1

Book token which can be exchanged for a World Book day special or can be put towards the cost of a book. The vouchers are accepted at book stores and supermarkets.

**Mobile Phones** are not allowed in school. If your child needs their phone for after school eg change over of homes. This must be agreed with the class teacher and handed in switched off at the start of the day.

**Easter Events** we will be holding our regular coffee morning/afternoon for the Easter celebrations (see diary dates). Once again we ask that you attend only one of the events to keep it comfortable for all of those attending. We will also be holding our decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition. All entries are to be in school by Tuesday 26th March to allow for judging and presentation of prizes at the Coffee Afternoon. This year's categories and themes are:

Nursery/Reception: Books  
Year 1 and 2: Yarlside  
Year 3 and 4: Films  
Year 5 and 6: Famous People

The decorated bonnet can be any theme and is open to all ages.

**Easter Holidays** we break up for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March. Please note the earlier finishing time of **1:30pm**.

**Mrs Pierce**  
Headteacher

Monday 4th March

### March Diary Dates

- ☉ Fri 1st Y3/4 Girl's Football Tournament, Furness Academy
- ☉ Thurs 7th World Book Day
- ☉ Fri 8th Key Steps Gymnastics Competition
- ☉ Wk Beg Mon 11th Science Week/ Big Walk and Wheel Week
- ☉ Mon 11th Y1/2 Road Safety Session
- ☉ Wed 13th Y5 Multi-Sports Transition Day, Furness Academy
- ☉ Friday 15th Swimming Competition, Everton Park
- ☉ Mon 18th Choir Performance, Aldingham Nursing Home
- ☉ Mon 18th Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities
- ☉ Tues 19th Y5/6 Cricket Festival, Furness College
- ☉ Tues 19th/Thurs 21st Parent's Evening
- ☉ Wed 20th Y5/6 Tri-Golf Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 20th Y6 Dock Museum Visit
- ☉ Thurs 21st Reception & Y6 Heights & Weights
- ☉ Mon 25th Work of the Month 9am Infant, 2:45pm Y3-6
- ☉ Tues 26th Y2/4 Tri-Golf Competition, Furness Academy
- ☉ Wed 27th Easter Coffee Morning 9am, Easter Coffee Afternoon 2:15pm
- ☉ Thurs 28th Break for Easter **1:30pm**

### April Diary Dates

- ☉ Mon 15th Start of Summer Term
- ☉ Tues 23rd NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
- ☉ Tues 23rd Netball Competition
- ☉ Wed 24th Y3 Waterpark Day Trip
- ☉ Tues 30th Netball Competition

