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March Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fundraising

Thank you for all the support you have given school in recent fundraising events. The PTA are well on their way to completing the fundraising for our new Playdale playground, (due to be installed during the Easter holiday) and through our 'Wear Red Day' we managed to raise £476.56 for the Childrens Heart Surgery Fund charity.

Important Reminder: Traffic Safety During Drop-Off and Pick-Up

As part of a wider planned Road Safety initiative with Westmorland and Furness Council, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of traffic safety during drop-off and pick-up times.

Use the designated drop-off and pick-up on Greengate Lane or park near Summerhill Green: Ensure you use the areas specified for dropping off and picking up your children to avoid congestion and ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Please do not park on the staff car park, over zig zag markings or at the top of the Gillinggate/shared school drive.

Drive slowly and cautiously: Be mindful of your speed and watch for children crossing the road or walking near the school premises. When using the school yard for dropping off and collecting from clubs, always give way to pedestrians.

Avoid double parking: Double parking can create dangerous situations and obstruct the view of other drivers and pedestrians.

Use pavements: Encourage your children to walk sensibly using the pavements and follow the instructions of our crossing patrol lady. **Children and parents should not walk across the staff car park.**

Be patient and courteous: Understand that everyone is trying to get their children to and from school safely. A little patience goes a long way in ensuring everyone's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our school community safe.

Jewellery in PE – Reminder

Children should not be wearing any jewellery in PE for health and safety reasons. This is a government directive. Ideally your child will not wear jewellery to school, but if they have studs in (no hoops or dangly earrings) please ensure they can take them out themselves. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced can I ask that you wait to the start of the Summer holidays to do this.

Y4,5 & 6 Swimathon at Kendal Leisure Centre Saturday 15th March 4.15pm

We have a team of swimmers taking part in this annual event at Kendal Leisure Centre. They are raising money jointly for school funds and CancerCare. If you would like to sponsor them then please send money into school in a clearly marked envelope, or complete the sponsor form by the School Office. We wish all swimmers the best of luck and will let you know how they got on after the event.

Many thanks, Jane Reedy

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Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences

Reminders from the School Office

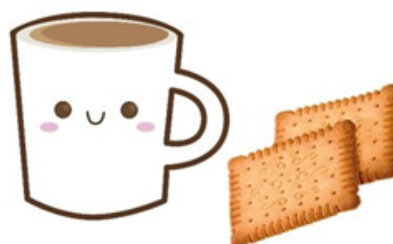
- When your child is absent, it is important that you let us know before 9.30am by email, phone call or leaving an absence message on the answer machine. Also, please remember to cancel the pre-ordered school meal if they were due to have one.
- When your child has an appointment and is going to be late into school or collected early, please could you make sure the School Office is informed beforehand and provide the appointment card/letter.
- If your child has sickness/diarrhoea they must be absent from school for 48 hours after the last symptom.

Thank you in for your cooperation.

Autism Pathway Navigator Sessions

The Autism Pathway Navigators have more sessions running county-wide throughout Spring.

These sessions are for parents/ carers who are exploring an autism assessment for their child and would appreciate some support and advice. Please share the below sessions with any parents/ carers who many benefit from attending.



The sessions are attended by:

- Autism Pathway Navigators
- A Speech and Language Therapist
- An Occupational Therapist
- A Health Visitor

Sessions are for parents/ carers who may be considering an autism assessment for their child, or whose child is at any stage of the assessment process. Children and their siblings are welcome.

- ☐ Monday 17 March, Kendal Library, 10am - 12 noon
- ☐ Tuesday 1 April, Barrow Library, 12 noon - 2pm
- ☐ Thursday 3 April, Sands Centre Carlisle, 10am - 12 noon
- ☐ Friday 16 May, Kendal Library, 10am - 12 noon

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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 11 th March:	Mary Wakefield Choral Evening, 6pm
Tuesday 18 th and Wednesday 19 th March:	Reception visit to Fire Station, am, details to follow
Wednesday 19 th - Friday 21 st March:	Y5 Hawse End residential
Friday 21 st March:	Comic Relief mufti day
Monday 24 th - Wednesday 26 th March:	Y6 York residential
Tuesday 25 th March:	Y4 Buddhist Centre trip
Thursday 27 th March:	PTA Spring disco
Monday 31 st March:	Y5 KKS Moving up evening, 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 4 th April:	Term ends, 2pm
Tuesday 22 nd April:	Summer term begins
Monday 5 th May:	May Day bank holiday
Tuesday 6 th – Friday 9 th May:	Y5 Bikeability
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May:	Y6 SAT's
Monday 12 th May:	Y3 Waterpark trip
Tuesday 13 th May:	Y2 Waterpark trip
Monday 19 th – Tuesday 20 th May:	Y4 Brathay residential
Friday 23 rd May:	School finishes for half term, 3.20pm
Monday 2 nd June:	School starts
Tuesday 3 rd June:	Dominic Kelly, storyteller visit
Monday 9 th – Tuesday 10 th June:	Y3 Residential
Friday 13 th June:	Y5 QKS experience day
Monday 16 th June:	Class photographs, Nur-Y6
Friday 11 th July:	Y6 Leavers Ceilidh
Friday 18 th July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9-10am
Friday 18 th July:	Term ends, 2pm

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