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October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you all well.

Kirkbarrow Foodshare

I have been asked to let families know about Kirkbarrow Foodshare. This is a confidential scheme set up and run by members of the Kirkbarrow community to support families or individuals who are finding it difficult to meet the rising costs of living. If your family needs a free food delivery please contact Rose Tideswell either through email – rosetideswell@gmail.com – or through text – 07580775153 – with the number of people it is for and the address for it to be delivered to. Please feel free to share this information. This information will not be shared and deliveries will be made discreetly.

PTA Playground Fundraising

It won't have escaped your notice that our much loved Playdale is (way) past its best. The main thrust of PTA fundraising this year will be to help us raise the money to replace it, which we hope to do during the Easter break next year so we can have it up and running for the Summer term. Please look out for future newsletters and PTA fliers about this exciting project and how you can be involved.

Parent Trustees (Governors)

We have a couple of Trustee vacancies on our Governing body. The Trustees are the voluntary body that works together to steer the strategic direction of the school. I know I had a couple of parents who have previously expressed an interest in joining our Trustees when the opportunity arose. If you are one of these, or have not previously talked to me about it but are interested, please can you phone the office to arrange a chat with me so I can talk you through what is involved and see if it is for you.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We have a number of vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. If a few hours work in the middle of the day would suit you, and you would like to join our school team, please give the office a ring to find out more details.

Attendance & Holidays during term time

Firstly, thank you for working with us to improve school attendance. As you know improving school attendance is now one of the biggest (if not the biggest) educational priorities of the present Government, as a result of which Westmorland and Furness Local Authority have vastly increased the number of fines they are issuing to families for unauthorised school absences – this year this has gone up tenfold on the same period last year. If you have any questions about whether or not an absence can be authorised for an upcoming event I would advise that you contact us for advice before committing to it. Please can I also remind parents that they need to fill in a leave of absence form (holiday forms now no longer exist) for any absence from school including visits to secondary schools. If your child has a medical/dental appointment please let the School Office know with as much notice as possible and provide the appointment card/letter.

Our Mission: Ghyllside Primary School – Growing Hearts and Minds

Our Values: Inspiring Healthy Inclusive Nurturing Experiences

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

The closing date for online applications for the transfer to Secondary school is Thursday 31st October. If you have not already done so, can you please apply before Friday 25th October when we break up for half-term so we are in school to help with any difficulties you may have. You need to apply online by visiting the following website: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Reception Open Evening and School Tours

There will be an open evening on Thursday 17th October, 5.00pm – 7.00pm for children due to start school in September 2025. If you or anyone you know is looking for a Reception place, please feel free to drop in whenever convenient between these times. We are also holding school tours on:

Tuesday 22nd October, 9.30am and 1.30pm

Thursday 24th October, 9.30am and 1.30pm

Tuesday 5th November, 9.30am and 1.30pm

Thursday 7th November, 9.30am and 1.30pm

Please contact the School Office to let us know if you would like to attend any of these tours.

Humanist Speaker

On Tuesday 15th October children in Y3-Y6 will have a speaker in from Humanists UK to support and enrich our learning in 'RE and Worldviews'.

Dates for the diary

Monday 7th October:

Thursday 17th October:

Monday 21st October:

Wednesday 23rd October:

Thursday 24th October:

Friday 25th October:

Harvest Festival, 9.30am, Parish Church

Reception 2025 open evening 5-7pm

Y5 Hawse End meeting, 5pm

Rec-Y6 Nasal flu immunisations

PTA Halloween disco

School finishes for half term, 3.20pm

Monday 4th November:

Tuesday 12th November:

Thursday 14th November:

Friday 15th November:

Tuesday 19th November:

Wednesday 20th November:

Thursday 21st November:

Thursday 5th December:

Friday 6th December:

Monday 9th December:

Tuesday 10th December:

Wednesday 11th December:

Wednesday 11th December:

Thursday 12th December:

Monday 16th December:

Tuesday 17th December:

Wednesday 18th December:

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Thursday 19th December:

Thursday 19th December:

Friday 20th December:

School starts

Individual photographs

Children in Need, mufti for donation

PTA family bingo, 5.30pm

Parents evening

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Y1 and Y2 to Kendal College Box Theatre, pm

PTA Christmas disco, tbc.

Christingle assembly, am (children only)

Y4 to Kendal College Box Theatre, am

Y3 to Kendal College Box Theatre, am

School Christmas lunch

Y5 and Y6 to Kendal College Box Theatre, am

Christmas jumper/mufti day

Reception Nativity, pm

Nursery Christmas play, am and pm

Y2 Nativity, pm

Y1 Christmas play, am

Carol service, Parish Church, pm

Term Ends, 2pm

Monday 6th January 2025:

Tuesday 7th January 2025:

Staff inset day, children not in school

Children return to school for Spring term

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