Newsletter May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

**Congratulations to Mr, Mrs and Alice Redhead on the birth of Isaac Arthur on Saturday morning.**

This is our new “Artsmark Gold” logo. This is a prestigious national award recognising that our school provides excellent arts and cultural opportunities for the children, including working in partnership with artists, running Arts Award and providing professional development in the arts for our staff. We have worked closely with lots of expert providers to enhance the Arts curriculum and extend the variety of experiences for all our children. Thank you to Mrs Johnson for taking the lead in this whole school initiative and to Mrs Sophie Finley (our Arts Governor) for her support.

**Ofsted**

It is great to have been judged as good with outstanding again, especially as the inspection process is much more in depth than it used to be. We are all very proud of how well our children behave and how hard they work at everything.

**Key stage 2 SATs**

The assessment tests for children in year 6 take place this week. Please make sure that children in year 6 go to bed early and have breakfast before they come to school in the morning. The timetable for the tests is shown below:

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| **Monday 11th May** | **Tuesday 12th May** | **Wednesday 13th May** | **Thursday 14th May** |
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| Reading Comprehension | Spelling, punctuation and grammar | Mental mathematics  Mathematics paper 1 | Mathematics paper 2 |

**Sports Afternoon**

We are changing the way we run our Sports Afternoons this summer. There will be three separate afternoons – one for nursery, one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. This is to make the sessions more age appropriate and to fit in with the new national curriculum.

The dates are as follows:

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| **Nursery** | **Key stage 1** | **Key stage 2** |
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| To be confirmed | 26.06.2015 | 09.07.2015 |

Please come along and support your children. The sessions will last from 1.00 – 3.00pm.

**Digital Imaging workshops – 18th May and 1st June 2015**

The photographer running the workshops will be bringing cameras for the children to use. These will all have removable memory cards, which will be left at school. The children no longer need to bring in their own devices.

**Staffing for September 2015**

This is the finalised staffing list for September. The children will have plenty of opportunities to get to know their new teachers in the second half of this term.

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| **Class** | **Teacher/s** |
| Headteacher | Mrs Wendy Jacobs |
| Reception | Miss Nicola Marwood |
| Year 1 | Miss Molly Horne |
| Year 2 | Mrs Angela Bell |
| Year 3 | Mr Matthew Thornhill |
| Year 4 | Mrs Helen Mackie |
| Year 5 | Miss Gaynor Stevens |
| Year 6 | Mrs Sharon Carter |
| SENCO | Mrs Nicole Johnson |

Whilst Mrs Redhead is on maternity leave Miss Stevens will hold the position of Acting Assistant Head.

**Jewellery in school**

Please can all parents remember that jewellery is not allowed in school. This is primarily for the children’s safety. The only exception to this is a pair of plain stud earrings for children who have pierced ears. However these should be removed for PE as soon as the six week limit for new piercings is over.

**Think Pharmacy**

As it is sometimes very difficult to get a doctor’s appointment the following information can help if you or members of your family are suffering from a minor ailment.

Pharmacies across Cumbria have always been able to offer free advice, but now pharmacies in Furness, South Lakes and Copeland can offer treatment for a range of minor health problems including:

* Digestive disorders – indigestion, heartburn, constipation and diarrhoea
* Pain and inflammation
* Eye symptoms – hayfever, conjunctivitis
* Infections – thread worms, head lice
* Coughs, colds, flu and sore throats
* Pain, fever, earache, nappy rash
* Skin problems – hayfever, acne, eczema, bites and stings

If you are registered with a Furness, South Lakeland or Copeland doctor the pharmacies in these areas can offer this service.

If you do not normally pay for your prescriptions, pharmacists are able to provide you with advice and /or medicines for minor conditions free of charge.

Leaflets are available in school if you would like more information.

**May Half-term**

We break up for half-term on Friday 22nd May. School will finish at the normal time of 3.15pm. The second part of the summer term will begin on Monday 1st June.

**Dates for the diary**

This is a quick at a glance guide to events that are already scheduled to take place. This list will be updated over time. More details for class visits will be sent home in separate letters.

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Which children** | **Times** |
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| 15.05.2015 | Class assembly | Reception | 2.45pm |
| 18.05.2015 | Digital Imaging workshop | 17 children | 1.00 – 4.00pm |
| 22.05.2015 | Class assembly | Year 4 | 2.45pm |
| *Half Term 22.05.2015 – 01.06.2015* | | | |
| 01.06.2015 | Digital Imaging workshop | 17 children | 1.00 – 4.00pm |
| 02.06.2015 | Fell walking | Year 2 | All day |
| 04.06.2015 | Fell walking | Year 2 | All day |
| 05.06.2015 | Wear it Wild Day for WWF | Whole school | All day |
|  | Stick Man at The Forum | Years 2 and 3 | Afternoon |
| 12.06.2015 | Visit to Furness Academy | Year 5 | Morning |
|  | Minecraft workshops | Year 4 | All day |
|  | The Big First Aid lesson | Year 3, 5 & 6 | 2.00pm |
|  | Class assembly | Year 2 | 2.45pm |
| 16.06.2015 | Visit to Leighton Moss | Year 2 | All day |
| 18.06.2015 | Treasure Island Performance | Year 5 | 5.00pm |
| 19.06.2015 | Treasure Island Performance | Year 5 | 2.30pm |
| 23–25.06.2015 | Manchester Residential | Year 6 | 3 days |
| 26.06.2015 | Key Stage 1 Sports | N – y2 | 1.00-3.00pm |
| 29/30.06.2015 | Secondary Transition days | Year 6 | 2 days |
| 01.07.2015 | Barhaugh Hall Residential | Year 4 | 3 days |
|  | Visit to Leighton Hall | Year 1 | All day |
| 03.07.2015 | Be Seen in Green day | All | All day |
| 09.07.2015 | Key Stage 2 Sports | Years 3-6 | 1.00-3.15pm |
| 10.07.2015 | Sleeping with the sharks | Year 5 | Overnight |
| 15.07.2015 | Roller Skating Disco day | All | All day |
| 17.07.2015 | Leaver’s Assembly | Year 6 | 9.00am |
|  | Break-up for summer holiday | All | 2.00pm |
| Summer holiday | | | |
| 07.09.2015 | Autumn term starts | All | 8.45am |
| 25.09.2015 | Dahlicious Dress-up day | All | All day |
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Yours sincerely

Wendy R Jacobs

Headteacher