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Dear parents

### Ofsted news

As you will all know, at the end of last month our school received an Ofsted inspection. Their regulations have prevented us from publicising the outcome of the visit before today. I am now able to inform you all of the excellent news that the school continues to be classed as 'good' and safeguarding remains 'effective'. The report of new-style inspections now takes the form of a letter to the head teacher. A copy of the letter has been posted on the school website today, and a press release, summarising the report, has been sent to local media. A copy of this is included with today's bulletin.

### Netball and football

The netball and football teams have played well this term, despite having a small number of children to take part. I would like to thank Angela Potts for resurrecting the netball team and David Rucker for providing some extra PE activities for Class 2. Enclosed with this bulletin is a letter from Angela about a project she is hoping to get off the ground soon.

### Safety outside school

The movement of vehicles and people, especially at the start and end of the school day, has the potential to cause an accident. To minimise the risk of an accident occurring parents are asked to take note of the following points:

- Parents should keep close and constant supervision of their own children. Parents, staff and visitors arriving in cars should check there are no pupils in the vicinity of the parking area and then reverse into a space, thus allowing them a good clear view for manoeuvre onto the road as they leave.
- Cyclists must dismount before pushing their cycles through the school entrance gate to the bike shelter. This will protect the cyclists from moving vehicles and provides a safe environment for all those within the school grounds.
- A new sign has been bought to remind visitors to keep the double gates clear at all times for emergency access.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above, which are all important points to maintain safety of our school community.

### **Parent appointments**

If you have requested an appointment on Wednesday 11 November, it will be written here:

Time to see Mr Priestley .....

Time to see Mrs Pattinson and Mrs Corrie .....







## Reminders

- Could I remind you about the Phonics Bug reading scheme please continue to access the reading materials over the holidays if you can.
- Lost property as PE kits are being sent home for washing over half term, please look and see if you can find a pair of tracksuit trousers or one lone football sock which are still missing after the football tournament!
- Please remember to send in your child's water bottle after half term and to wash it up at least weekly after that (water bottles are sent home each Friday). We often have cases of children asking for drinks of water during the day because they don't have a bottle in school, even though there is a water cooler in each classroom.
- The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 4 November** from 8.45 am to take individual and family group photos.

## Staff changes

Unfortunately Mrs Mepham has decided not to return to work after her maternity leave, so we have been advertising for a teaching assistant to join the team. We hope to be interviewing in the week following half term.

## Lest we forget ...

As usual, we will be selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion as we approach Remembrance Day. A service of remembrance will take place in church on the morning of **Wednesday 11 November**, when all members of the community will be very welcome to join us (start time to be confirmed in next bulletin).

## A note from Carolyn Fyfe

"Crosby Church would love to welcome you to their service on **Sunday 25 October** at 11am. Stewart will be taking the service, and I will be running the Sunday School. And the clocks go back, so you even get an extra hour in bed!"

### Phil Dew's Christmas service

This year will be Phil's last joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel. I hope you will be able to join us on **Sunday 13 December** in making it a memorable one for him. More news after half term!

### **Children In Need**

This is what is planned for Friday 13 November:

- Wear your onesy or pyjamas to school: join in non-uniform day for a donation of £1.
- Freda will be cooking fish, chips and mushy peas, followed by a Pudsey biscuit, for school dinner (let Lisa know if you usually have packed lunch but would like school dinner only £2.20!)
- Bring in your small change to cover Pudsey in the school hall.
- By popular request, the School Council are holding a cake stall and a talent show, to which parents and members of the community are invited. The fun will begin at 2.30 pm, and admission is by donation. Please start planning what you might bake and/or perform!

# Dates for your diary (new dates added)

Mon 2 Nov – return to school Wed 4 Nov – school photographer 8.45 am onwards Thur 5 Nov – Frantic Theatre performance at CRVH, 1.30 pm **NEW!** Sat 7 Nov – Tebay bonfire (flyer enclosed) Wed 11 Nov – parents evening Fri 13 Nov – Children In Need day Mon 16 Nov – Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected from school







**NEW!** Wed 18 Nov – Friends of the School AGM, 7 pm, venue to be confirmed

Mon 23 Nov - KS2 trip to Tullie House

Wed 9 Dec - Christmas performance at CRVH, early evening

**NEW!** Fri 11 Dec – carol singing at Tebay Services, pm

Sun 13 Dec - joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew

Wed 16 Dec – school Christmas dinner

Wed 16 Dec – Christmas carols in church, 6 pm

Thur 17 Dec – Christingle service in church

Thur 17 Dec - last day of term

Tues 5 Jan – return to school for Spring term 2016

Wed 13 Jan – whole school visit to the Theatre By The Lake

Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb - Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Yours sincerely;

Mr D Priestley



