



**Term Dates** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Half Term Holiday Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

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## **Welcome Back and Happy New Year!**

We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas holiday and that Santa was good to you all! If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile phone we would be grateful if you could let us know if the number has changed so that we can update your child's emergency contact information.



The school mobile telephone number, which parents can use to text the office if their child is absent from school, is **0734 0345 360**. If you would like to report an absence by text please send a message before 9.15 a.m. with your child's full name and the reason for their absence. The normal school telephone number, **01946 66356**, can be used to speak to a member of staff or leave a message if the school is closed.

Also, don't forget to let us know if you move house. Thank you.

## **Christmas Fundraising & Raffle**

Thank you for your support for our Christmas Productions and fundraising last term.

The amounts raised were:

Ticket sales/envelope draw/programmes/refreshments - £1257.57

Morrisons carol singing bucket collections - £709.12

## **Smart Watches**

If your child has a 'smart' watch, which can be used to send/receive messages or take photographs, we would be very grateful if they could please be kept at home. Children should not bring these devices or mobile phones to school for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

## **Reception Class Applications**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January is the closing date for applications for a place in the Reception class this September. Nursery parents who have not sent their application form to the Local Authority (either by post or online) will need to do this urgently as places in the class are limited.**

## **Life Bus**

The Life Bus will be visiting school on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> & Tues 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Each class will have a workshop on the bus and to find out lots about how the human body works and how to keep healthy.

There will be a session for parents too – more details later.



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### Social Media & Apps

We would be very grateful if parents could talk to children about the use of apps such as Instagram, Snap Chat and other social media, in order that they are safe online. It would also be useful if parents would check that apps being used on phones and iPads are age appropriate for children, as most social media apps of this type are recommended for over 13s only. Thank you.

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### Visits & Visitors

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Anglo Saxon day & visitor – Year 4  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Class Mass in St Mary’s Church – Years 2 & 6  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Class Mass in St Mary’s Church – Years 3 & 5  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Whitehaven Fire Station visit – Year 2  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Tullie House visit (Egyptians) – Year 3  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Class Mass in St Mary’s Church – Years 1 & 4

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### Swimming



The Year 5 class will be going swimming on Fridays this term. The first session will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to bring grey/black outdoor PE kit, swimming costumes, towels and make sure that all items are clearly marked with your child’s name.

No ear rings or jewellery in school or at the pool.

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### Dinner Money

Caterlink lunch prices are as follows: Nursery meals cost £1.30 each/ £6.50 per week and KS 2 meals cost £2.00 each/ £10 per week. School meals need to be paid through a ParentPay account, which will enable orders and payment to be completed at home. If you do not have an account, please contact the school office for a username/password.

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### Uniform & P.E. Kits

Just a reminder that school uniform is as follows:

***A royal blue sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan, dark grey trousers/skirt and white polo shirt. During the summer term or when the weather is hot, blue checked summer dresses are acceptable and boys may wear grey shorts.***

Sports pants, joggers and hoodies are not school uniform.

P.E. kit is a white T shirt (not the same one worn in class), black shorts and black pumps.

Please make sure that pupils have their P.E. kit in school every day.

Kits should be brought on Monday mornings and taken home on Friday afternoon to be washed.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils need to come to school in outdoor P.E. kit on Wednesday mornings with their uniform in a bag for afternoon lessons.

Jewellery is not allowed in school – this includes all types of earrings.

Wrist watches may be worn in class but must be removed for P.E. lessons.



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