



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a new school year!

Well here we are – at the very beginning of a new school year with many things to look forward to. I would like to welcome all our new pupils and their families, and hope you will be very happy here with us. I would also like to welcome Mrs Scarr who joins our EYFS and KS1 team as a part time teaching assistant. And of course, welcome back to those of you who were already here! The children are settling well into their new year groups and looking after one another too.

In this newsletter I have included a few helpful reminders, key dates and some information that has been sent to school from local organisations which may be of use to you.

Class Teachers

Below are our teachers and their classes. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please come to their class teacher in the first instance.

Miss Barker: Reception (and Nursery in the afternoons)

Mrs Law: Year 1 and 2

Mrs Watson: Year 3 and 4

Mrs Barnsley: Year 5 and 6

VIP, Star of the Week and the Shine Tree

If your child comes home in a blue jumper/polo shirt, they are VIP for the week! They will have some special privileges in their classes and a VIP certificate. If your child is VIP, families are invited to a special assembly at 9am that Friday. If you need more notice for your child's VIP assembly, please talk to their class teacher who will try their best to accommodate this.

Each Friday, teachers hand out a Star of the Week who will receive a certificate and recognition in Friday's celebration assembly. Teachers also choose someone who has let their light shine for the Shine Tree. This can be for a variety of reasons e.g. being kind, helpful, a good role model, polite or sharing a talent. Chosen children will receive a 'candle' to hang on the Shine Tree and a sticker to take home.

Wednesdays

Just a reminder that Mrs Wood doesn't work Wednesdays and the admin email isn't checked. If you have an important message for school, please leave an answer machine message which are picked up throughout the day.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and is led by Muddy Boots staff. The children have a morning snack and enjoy time to play and socialise, usually outside weather permitting. Contact the school office to book your child in.

Fun Club Bookings

Fun Club runs every day from the end of school until 5.30pm. If you would like your child to attend Fun Club, please book them in through the office or by phoning. You can book your child into Fun Club in advance or on the day. Answerphone messages are checked regularly during the day.

Let your light shine

Earrings, PE and uniform

Children are allowed to wear stud earrings to school. For safety reasons, earrings can't be exposed during PE lessons. If your child can remove their earrings themselves, they will be asked to do this. If earrings can't be removed, they will be covered for PE using microporous tape. Children should have their PE kits (including appropriate footwear) on PE days – you can find this information on your class newsletter. Thank you to you all for sending the children looking very smart in their school uniforms and black school shoes. It really helps us if all items are labelled.

Reading Records

We encourage our children to read at home every day and for the adults to sign (adding a comment where appropriate) so we can monitor. Sharing books together at home is a lovely way to spend time together whilst helping your child to develop their skills in decoding and comprehension.

Local Offer

The LA are currently reviewing the Local Offer website and would appreciate feedback from settings and parents about the current offer. Please complete the attached survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SENDLocalOffer>

Childcare Choices



A revised [Childcare Choices partner communications toolkit](#) is available to download: (alternative link: [Guidance and resources | Childcare choices](#)) The following can also be used to communicate about the upcoming September milestone:

FAQs – [Guidance and resources | HMRC Childcare Choices](#)

Explainer Video – [Get help with the cost of childcare: government-funded support in England \(youtube.com\)](#)

Childcare Choices website (for parents to check their eligibility and sign up to the newsletter) – [Homepage | HMRC Childcare Choices](#)

Westmorland County Show

It was an absolute pleasure to attend the 225th Westmorland County Show with all our children and staff. There was so much to see! The children were very well behaved and all were able to talk about the things that they had seen during the day. We definitely picked the better day for the weather too!



Let your light shine

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality continue to be of high importance in all schools. When children miss time out of school, it has an effect on both academic progress and social aspects. The doors open in the morning at 8.45am and close at 8.50am. Entry after this time should be through the main entrance. Children are marked late in the register if they arrive after 8.50am. Westmorland and Furness have now allocated an attendance officer to each school and they will monitor our attendance too. Please ring school as soon as possible if your child will not be at school so that registers can be completed accurately.

Term time holidays

The following is a direct quote from the Attendance Officer for our school...

Term time holiday absences will not be authorised by the school except under exceptional circumstances, which means you may be guilty of an offence under Section 444 (1) or Section 444 (1A) of the Education Act 1996. The maximum penalty for these offences is a fine of £2,500, 3 months imprisonment or both. Alternatively, the Local Authority/School may choose to impose a Section 444A Fixed Penalty Notice in the order of a fine instead of prosecuting for the offences given above.

Currently the amount of the fixed penalty notice is £60.00 if paid within 21 days. It raises to £120 if it is not paid by 21 days, but it is within 28 days. Failure to pay a penalty notice will result in prosecution except in limited circumstances. Please note that fixed penalty notices are issued to each parent/care giver separately and are also issued per child.

From 19th August 2024, under new attendance legislation, the above fixed penalty notice amount is due to increase.

Volunteering

Please let myself or your child's class teacher know if you or a member of your family are interested in volunteering in school to listen to readers or play maths games. If you have a passion or skill that you would like to share with the children either during school time or as an after-school club, we would be really interested to hear about it. For example, in the past our pupils have enjoyed learning about bee keeping, listening to and playing the harp, and cooking.

Priorities for this Year

This year the staff at Lindale will be focusing on ensuring our curriculum is well connected from age 3 to 11. Within this we are looking in particular at supporting all pupils in Maths (eg: by providing catch-ups or smaller steps) and improving the standard of Spelling across school. We will continue to promote equality and diversity and also develop resilience in all our pupils with a commitment to learning.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Barnsley*

Dates

Thurs 19 th Sept	International Talk Like a Pirate Day (FOLS event)
Tues 24 th Sept	Nasal Flu (R-Y6)
Tues 24 th Sept	Y5/6 Leadership Day at Castlehead (going after their Nasal Flu)
Tues 1 st Oct	Y5/6 Priory Day
Tues 1 st Oct	Phonics – parents information evening
Tues 8 th Oct	FOLS meeting 7pm
Mon 14 th to Wed 16 th Oct	Knicker Tree
Tues 22 nd Oct	Parents evening
Fri 25 th Oct	Harvest Festival 9am
Mon 28 th Oct	Half-term week
Wed 30 th Oct	FOLS Autumn Party at the village hall 6-8pm
Weds 6 th Nov	Swimming begins