



Newsletter

It has been such a joy to welcome the children back and to see them settling so quickly into school life over the past week and a half. We're delighted to have 9 new Reception pupils starting full time on Monday, already such a special part of our school family, along with 4 new part-time Nursery children who complete our Early Years team for this term. Across the school, from Year 1 to Year 6, the children look so happy in their new classes – school feels a wonderful place to be for us all.

In this newsletter you will find some useful dates and information for the term ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend all! Mrs Newton. x

WELLIES



Please could children in Nursery and Reception bring a pair of wellies to leave in school. Remember to label them inside with your child's name.

READING BOOKS



Before the summer holidays, many of you took extra school books to keep you going over the summer. We are now very short of books, particularly Rhino Readers in EYFS and KS1. Please could you return any that you still have at home as soon as possible.

Earrings

As a reminder, only **stud** earrings are permitted at school.

Please ensure that **earrings** are either removed and left at home or taped **before arriving at school** on PE days. From Year 3, children may bring their own tape to school if they prefer **but must be able to apply this themselves** before the lesson.

Water Bottles



Please ensure that your children bring a water bottle to school with them each day. As a guide, this should be no larger than 750ml to ensure that they are able to fit in the storage space provided in each classroom. Children may refill their bottles as often as needed throughout the day from our water coolers.

Attendance

Thank you to all of our families for supporting such positive attendance and punctuality at the start of the new school year. You should also have received an update via email from Westmorland and Furness Council regarding unauthorised term time absence. Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued directly by the council for unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more. As Headteacher I have no control over this and only have the authority to authorise planned absence in 'exceptional circumstances'. **An absence request form must be completed and returned to the school office for consideration at least 14 days prior to any planned absence.** Please contact us via email for a form or you can find one [HERE](#) in the attendance section of our school website along with further information. Illness and medical reasons will of course continue to be authorised.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM



At the moment our stock of age 10+ uniform is very low and we would welcome more donations of this size. Please may I ask that you **do not** send any other sizes at the moment as we have received lots but have no further space to store it.

From Monday and for the remainder of September all items will be £1.00 to try to reduce our stock - please do ask if you'd like to have a browse before or after school.

PARENTS EVENINGS - AUTUMN TERM

We will be holding our first Parents Evenings of the academic year in October. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how your children have settled into their new year groups and classes and to have a look at some of their work. Look out for an email next week with further details and how to book.

Dates:

8th - Year 5 and 6 only

16th - Nursery to Year 4 only

22nd - Nursery to Year 6

PE

PE days will be as follows:

Nursery & Reception - Thursday

Year 1 & 2 - Monday & Thursday

Year 3 & 4 - Monday & Thursday

Year 5 & 6 - Thursday & Friday

Children should continue to come to school in their PE kit on their respective days. **Children in Reception should bring their uniform to change back into on their PE days or Forest School clothes where appropriate.**

Forest School

Children should bring appropriate outdoor clothes for the weather: sunhats/waterproofs and wellies to change into before their session. Children should still come to school in their PE kit as they *may* also have their PE session before Forest School.

Thurs 11th Sep - Year 5 and 6

Thurs 18th Sep - Reception and any Year 6 not at KSGS

Thurs 25th Sep - Year 5 and 6

Thurs 2nd Oct - Year 3 and 4

Thurs 9th Oct - Year 3 and 4

Thurs 16th Oct - Year 1 and 2

Thurs 23rd Oct - Year 1 and 2 - due to the Harvest Coffee Morning, please wear smart school uniform in the morning and bring forest school clothes and wellies to change into for the afternoon.

Contact us via email on admin@skelton.cumbria.sch.uk, telephone 017684 84367 or speak to one of us at the school gates each morning if you need anything at all.

Dates for your diary!

Date	Children	Event/Activity	Notes
SEPTEMBER			
9th	Selected children	Woodwind lessons begin	Don't forget your instruments!
	Reception	Full day in school	
10th	Reception	Not in	
	Year 5 & 6	Forest School 1.15pm	On Forest School days, please come in outdoor PE kit and trainers but bring wellies and waterproofs.
11th	Reception	Full day in school	
15th	Reception	Begin full-time school	
17th	Selected children	Strings tuition begins	Don't forget your instruments!
18th	Year 1-6	Cross Country event	Kirkby Stephen Grammar School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Year 1&2 due back for 3.30pm · Year 3-6 due back at 4pm
	Selected Year 6	QEGS Test	
	Reception and Y6 doing QEGS Test	Forest School 1.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reception – wear PE kit but bring suitable warm & waterproof clothing and wellies for the afternoon. · Year 6 - please wear smart uniform but bring Forest School clothes & wellies for the afternoon.
23rd	Year 5 & 6	STEM Space workshop	In school
24th	Reception – Y6	Nasal Flu Vaccines	
25th	Year 3 & 4	Viking Experience Trip	Moorforge Viking Settlement
	Year 5 & 6	Forest School 1.15pm	
26th	Selected Year 5&6	Netball competition - pm	QEGS
OCTOBER			
1st	All Children	School Photographs	Smart uniform please.

2nd	Year 3 & 4	Forest School 1.15pm	On Forest School days, please come in outdoor PE kit and trainers but bring wellies and waterproofs.
8th	Year 5 & 6	Parents Evening 3pm - 5.30pm	More details to follow via email
9th	Year 3 & 4	Forest School 1.15pm	
15th - 17th	Year 5 & 6	Residential Visit – Robinwood	
16th	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 1.15pm	Please come in outdoor PE kit and trainers but bring wellies and waterproofs.
	Nursery to Year 4	Parents Evening 3pm – 5.30pm	More details to follow via email
22nd	Nursery to Year 6	Parents Evening 3pm – 5.30pm	More details to follow via email
23rd	All welcome	Harvest Coffee Morning 10am-11.15am - with special guest singers arriving at 10.30!	Held at Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall Please wear smart uniform.
	Year 1 & 2	Forest School 1.15pm	Please wear smart uniform but bring Forest School clothes & wellies for the afternoon.
27th – 31st	ALL CHILDREN	HALF – TERM	

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