



# Windermere Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to have the children back at school, full of energy and enthusiasm. Already there are lots of exciting events and opportunities planned for this academic year.

I would like to welcome not only the children in Reception, some of whom were already regular visitors to the school, but also to the nine children who have joined other year groups. I know that everyone will make them and their families very welcome. Welcome also to Miss Willmer, who joins us as the Year 4 class teacher.

### School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms. This was a particular focus for us last year and the pride with which the children are wearing their uniform is evident. Please don't forget that long hair should be tied back and earrings must be studs only. Jewellery, other than watches and stud earrings, is not permitted for health and safety reasons - remember the children are active throughout the day. If you would like your child to wear jewellery for religious reasons, please discuss this with me.

This year we are focussing on tidying up. It is important that the children recognise their responsibility for keeping their environment (inside and outdoors) tidy and looking after their possessions. I know it is often quicker to put toys away yourself, but I would urge you to get your children to help at least. This is an essential life skill!

### Medicines

If we are holding medicines such as inhalers and epi-pens for your child, please drop into the office to check that the medicines are still in date and that the care plan we have is current. We are unable to administer any medicines without a care plan.

### Water Bottles

Although every child was given a water bottle at the end of last term, some children are still coming to school without a bottle of water. Their bottles can be refilled in class, but they must bring their own bottle. Even when the weather turns cooler, they will still need to drink throughout the day.

### Snacks

The children are welcome to bring fruit or vegetables to school as a snack at morning break. However, they must not bring nuts into schools as some people have severe allergies.



**Parent and Toddler Group**

Our lovely under 5s group starts again next Wednesday at 9am. Parents are welcome to drop in and share a drink, biscuit and some adult company.

**Treasure Chest**

It is time to start saving up for Christmas shopping. The children's savings bank will be open as usual on Monday morning from 8.30 am.

**Moving On**

There will be a meeting after school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm for Year 6 parents who would like some advice and guidance on the secondary transfer process.

**Musical Madness**

Most of you will have listened to the wonderful singing voices of our children at the various events throughout the year. This year all of the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will form our choir and go to the O2 Young Voices concert in the spring term. In addition to this, whilst Year 3 are learning to read music and play the recorder, Year 4 will have the fantastic opportunity to learn to play the ukulele. Whilst I can't make any predictions, I would like to point out that John Lennon first learnt to play tunes on the ukulele and he achieved a certain degree of musical success!

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