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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting News!

Firstly, don't the new toadstools look great? Sadly the original wooden ones had rotted and become unsafe so it was necessary to remove them. They have been replaced with brightly coloured metal and resin toadstools which should last for many years to come.

Secondly, after many phone calls, emails and visits, the Education Authority has agreed to part fund our new entrance porch. There is still much to be organised and there may be some disruption to the front entrance over the coming months, but the final outcome will be worth it. Watch this space for further updates!

Photographs

Unfortunately it was necessary to reschedule the school photographs. They will now take place on **TUESDAY, 15th OCTOBER.** There will be an opportunity for younger siblings to be photographed with their Windermere brothers and sisters at the beginning of the morning. Details of arrangements for this will be sent out nearer the time.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – 27th September – approximately 10.30 am – after the cross country

The PTA are organising a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Your donations of cakes/biscuits are welcomed (no nuts please!) and then please join us after the Cross Country to share a cup of tea or coffee and help raise money for this popular cause.

If, once you have watched the Cross Country and relaxed with a cup of coffee, you feel like a touch of pampering, Oaklands College are offering a selection of beauty treatments in return for donations to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Telephone OASIS on 01727 737604 and speak to Hannah to find out more and book a treatment.

PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm in the dining room. Everyone is welcome to come along and share some ideas for fundraising activities.



Strike Action

Many of you will be aware that two of the teaching unions, the NUT and the NASUWT, have called a strike for Tuesday 1st October. The unions are reluctantly taking this strike action to protect their members' interests in a number of areas. In the event that a class teacher decides to take strike action that class will not be open to pupils on that day. As yet no decisions have been made by our teachers; I will let you know as soon as possible, in order that you can make alternative arrangements for any children affected by this.

Harvest Festival – ShelterBox

You should have received a letter last week with information about our Harvest Festival celebration and the charity ShelterBox. Some of you will have spotted that the date of the Harvest Festival – 1st October – is also the date of the proposed strike action. Tuesday is the day of the week when most staff, including part-time staff, are in school, but if the strike goes ahead the Harvest Festival will be held on Monday 30th September instead; so that no class misses their opportunity to participate in this event.

Halal Meals

Disappointingly we have been unable to provide halal meals over the last few weeks due to a supplier problem. We are trying to resolve this problem and will let you know as soon as normal service resumes.

Final Reminder

It would appear that the summer is over and we are now into autumn. Please ensure your children have suitable footwear and a coat every day so that they are able to go outside at playtimes.

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