



# Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. The new academic year has got off to a good start and we have been joined by not only our new Reception pupils, but also one or two children in each class across the school. I am sure that they are already finding their feet and getting used to the Windermere routines.

## Uniform

The slight nip in the air this morning, reminds us that autumn is just around the corner. Many of our KS2 pupils are already looking smart in their winter uniform of shirt and tie, but please remember that by the end of September all children in KS2 need to be wearing a proper shirt/blouse (not a polo shirt) and their school tie. We are very proud of our uniform and how smart our children look, but we need your support as parents to ensure that your children have the right clothing and understand our expectations.

## Cracking Contraptions

The theme for our Learning Together Week just before half term will be 'Cracking Contraptions!' We are looking at inventors and inventions, using the highly innovative inventions of Wallace and Gromit as our inspiration. I have suggested to the children in KS2 that they might like to carry out a bit of research at home by watching some of the Wallace and Gromit films. We will be encouraging the children to design (and possibly create) their own contraption to solve an everyday problem such as making breakfast or handing out books.

## House Captains

Yesterday we held the House Captain elections. Our Year 6 pupils spoke to children in their house groups from Year 1 to Year 5 asking for their votes. The results are:

Mercury (Green): Molly (Captain), George (Vice Captain)  
Saturn (Yellow): Ethan (Captain), Nafisa (Vice Captain)  
Jupiter (Blue): Jake (Captain), Mia (Vice Captain)  
Neptune (Red): Elliot (Captain), Maisie (Vice Captain)

## Cross Country and Macmillan Coffee Morning – 27<sup>th</sup> September

An early date for your diaries is the school's Cross Country event. Miss Baldwin will be sending more detailed information out nearer to the date and the PTA will be pleading for your culinary contributions, but keep that morning free so that you can come along and support both your child and a good cause.



### **Breakfast Club**

For those of you who need a slightly earlier start in the morning, our popular breakfast club now starts at 7:45am. Hopefully this will allow our London commuters to catch the 8:03 train for a quick journey into the capital! Unfortunately with rising food and staffing costs it is necessary to increase the cost of breakfast club to £5 per morning (discounts remain for PPG pupils) from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Accidents**

Our youngest children, in particular, sometimes become so engrossed in their work that they have toilet accidents. In line with our intimate care policy, the staff help them to change into clean, dry clothing. If your child does not have their own spare clothes at school, we will find them items to wear, but it is important that these are then washed and returned to school as we find our spare stock quickly becomes depleted. If you have any knickers, pants, socks or tights suitable for KS1, that your child has grown out of, they would be gratefully received.

### **Half Term**

Having just returned to school, it seems odd to be thinking about the next holiday, however I would like to point out that our half term is 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November. This is NOT the same week as Bedfordshire or Luton, so please don't get confused if friends or relatives try to tell you otherwise. If you need another copy of the calendar that was sent out in January (and then updated with the changed May bank holiday in July!), please ask at the office.

### **Saving the planet!**

Like everyone else we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint wherever we can. Photocopying and paper is a major expense for the school, so wherever possible we are sending letters by email rather than printing them. If you are not receiving letters by email then please check at the office that we have the correct address for you.

Yours sincerely,

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