



# Windermere Primary School

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## Newsletter 2



Dear Parents,

Those of you who enter or exit via the KS1 gate, will have noticed the work taking place on the 'grass' under the trees adjacent to the KS1 playground. These trees, which provide much needed shade in the summer months (remember those?), unfortunately kill the grass underneath. As a result that patch of ground is either a dust bowl in the summer or a mud bath in the winter with no stage in between. I hope that KS1 parents will be pleased to know that we are installing artificial grass there which will *hopefully* help with reducing the amount of dirt and mud the children bring home on their clothes.

Essential repairs have also been carried out on the KS1 activity trail, which should be back in full use from next Monday. The train has also been sanded and repainted, so KS1 is once again looking smart.

Windermere is, and always has been, a school with a strong community ethos. Whilst it is lovely to see that our parents are happy to linger and chat at the end of the school day I must remind you that children should not be scooting or cycling on the playground or playing on any of the apparatus after school. This includes the sandpit, as it is important that this is kept closed so that our regular cat visitors don't get the wrong idea!

### **Harvest Festival and Socks for Nepal**

We will be holding our traditional Harvest Festival celebration on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am**. Parents are warmly welcomed to join us. In previous years we have provided food and toiletries for Open Door, collected money for Shelter Box and gathered essential supplies for The Living Room. This year we will be collecting socks! One of our Year 6 pupils, Molly, told me that her grandmother is going to Nepal in October as part of a charity (Sodahar) that works with underprivileged children there, training teachers and other key workers. Molly has asked if we could collect NEW socks that they could take with them to give out to those in need. So this year we won't be asking for food or money, but pairs of socks – bright, plain, frilly or funny – so long as they are brand new and at school by 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



## **Cross Country and Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Details about our annual Cross Country event next Friday will be coming out today. As in previous years we will combine it with our Macmillan Coffee Morning. But this year the PTA will be setting up their coffee and cake stand next to the field so that parents can enjoy their refreshments throughout the event. Donations of cakes and biscuits are welcome (please remember though – no nuts!). Please bring them to the dining room or classroom on Friday morning.

The Cross Country is, of course, weather dependent, so in the event of the grass being unsafe to run on we will postpone it, but the coffee morning will go ahead in the dining room anyway. Sadly one in three of us will face cancer at some point in our lives, so I am sure that the Macmillan Cancer Support charity is one that is close to many people's hearts and that you will support it generously.

### **Water Bottles**

Even though the weather is cooler, the children still need to bring NAMED water bottles with sports caps into school. It is important that they remain hydrated throughout the day.

### **Fruit Snacks**

Our KS1 and Reception children are fortunate to be provided with free fruit by the Department of Health, but don't forget that KS2 children are allowed to bring in a fruit snack from home. Sometimes this quick boost to their energy levels is just what they need to get through the morning.

### **Planners**

Honestly! Who would have thought that printing 150 planners could take so long?! Although the order was placed in MAY and we were *promised* delivery on 1<sup>st</sup> September, they have only just arrived! Still better late than never, I suppose.

### **Music Lessons**

As well as the music taught as part of the school curriculum, which includes ukulele in Years 4 and 5, we are also able to offer music tuition in some instruments from peripatetic music tutors to KS2 pupils. These can cost from as little as £66 per pupil for the term.

	<b>Termly Pupil Full Cost</b>
Shared (2) 30 minute lesson	£99.00
Shared (3) 30 minute lesson	£66.00
Individual 20 minute lesson	£132.00
Individual 30 minute lesson	£198.00

If your child would be interested in starting instrumental music tuition please contact the office.

### **Happy Eid**

I would like to take this opportunity to send everyone celebrating Eid next week our best wishes. If your child will absent from school in order to celebrate this religious festival, please ensure that your child's class teacher knows in advance so that we do not telephone you regarding their absence.

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