



Windermere Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

O2 – Young Voices

Welcome back to a new term. We seem to have only been back five minutes and already our choir have been off to the O2 Arena for the Young Voices concert. Mrs Baskerville has been rehearsing with the children for several months and her enthusiasm and hard work were rewarded not just by the beautiful singing and the sense of enjoyment, but also by the exemplary behaviour shown by our pupils. *Obviously* we expect nothing less, but it is always a delight when we receive compliments on our children's behaviour.

Winter Weather

We encourage the children to burn off some energy at lunchtime, but when the weather is very cold, there is a classroom available for KS2 children to go into if they get too cold and if we think that the KS1 children are getting too cold outside we bring them back indoors for some 'wet play'.

Having said that, I am surprised at the number of children who turn up to school inappropriately dressed. Please ensure that your child has a coat, gloves, jumper/cardigan and that their legs are covered (long socks, trousers or tights!).

Don't forget that the children are allowed to wear dark coloured tracksuits for outdoor PE so that they keep warm. School tracksuits are available to order from the office.

Car Park

The car park is only for staff, unless you have made specific, recent arrangements with the school. Reversing cars out of the gate is extremely dangerous for children using the footpath.



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School Admissions

Last week we had the final tour for prospective parents before the primary application deadline. So many of our visitors commented on what a lovely school Windermere is and we received emails complimenting our Year 6 pupils on their role as tour guides.

Parents and Toddlers

On Wednesday mornings we welcome parents, their babies and toddlers, aka future Windermere pupils, to our parent and toddler group. Led by our Family Worker, Mrs Thorpe, the group play games and sing songs whilst parents have a chance to relax and share with others. Why not come along and meet some new friends?

Easter Holidays

As a maintained school we are obliged to keep to the holiday dates agreed by the local authority. However, academies, foundation, voluntary-aided and free schools are free to set their own holiday dates. The only flexibility we have are the five in-service training (Inset) days and one occasional day. This year we finish for Easter on **Friday, 31st March 2017 at 2pm**. We return to school after Easter Monday on **Tuesday, 18th April 2017**. I am aware that some other local schools have chosen different dates. Please note that absences because siblings are off school will not be authorised.

Dinner Money

I hope that you are finding the online payment system convenient. I know there are still some teething problems from time to time, but these are gradually being ironed out. Please remember that the school pays directly for dinners taken every month, so we cannot fund outstanding dinner debts. Please ensure that your account is either kept in credit or has no more than £20 outstanding each week. If all of our junior children had only £20 outstanding, we would still owe over £2000!

Science Learning Together Week

After half term we will be running a Science week across the school. Miss Clark has organised a number of exciting events to spark the interest of our pupils. Are you a scientist in your work? Would you like to come and share some of your expertise with our pupils? Please contact the school office if you can help.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher