



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 16th September 2022

A word from the Headteacher

The new term is well under way and the heat of the summer seems a long time ago. Children have been happy to see each other and are settling back into the routines of school. Please see your child's Google Classroom page for curriculum information and homework grids for this term. We have begun reflecting on our behaviours and celebrating the actions and achievements of children through our themed assemblies: making the class a welcoming place and showing kindness to others. We also took a moment of reflection to think about the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II, our longest reigning monarch. School will be closed on Monday 19th September for the Bank Holiday and funeral in line with government guidance. Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Uniform and water bottles

It has been great to see the children returning to school looking so smart in their uniform. Please ensure that **all** items are labelled with your child's name. All children **must** have a water bottle in school each day to ensure they are hydrated which helps learning focus. It is particularly important after the Daily Mile and in PE.

PE kit must be in school for each lesson including trainers. Again, please ensure all items are **named** and in a drawstring bag. Details and order form can be found here through the link below.

<https://windermere.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Preloved uniform is also available via the office or PTA https://www.pta-events.co.uk/windermere/#.YyL1_HbMKUK

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception- What colour monsters have you explored and what are their emotions?

Year 1- What are the five senses and which have you used the most?

Year 2- How did the Great Fire of London begin?

Year 3 - Tell me about animals that live near the Nile

Year 4 - Tell me about solids, liquids and gases.

Year 5 – Tell me how Michael Rosen's poem makes you feel

Year 6 - What might you see in each layer of the rainforest?

Breakfast Club

For those of you who need a slightly earlier start in the morning, our popular breakfast club starts at 7:45am. The cost of breakfast club is £5 per morning (discounts available for PPG pupils), payable in advance or on the day by cash, cheque or card. Please do not drop children off earlier than 7:45am and always ensure they are welcomed into the school building by an adult.

Equipment

Children do not need to bring in pencil cases, pens or other stationery into school. Everything they need is provided in class. Some children may wish to have their own colouring pencils or felt pens which can be kept in their bags or trays.

After School Club: Energy Kidz

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out of school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment.

Children can try a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, or just chill out and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. A healthy after school snack is provided. All prices and timings are on the website at:

<https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/windermere-primary-school/>

Dates for your Diary:

19th September- Bank Holiday-school closed

23rd September- Cross Country and PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

24th-28th October Half Term

31st October Secondary Transfer Applications close (Year 6)

19th & 20th December INSET Days- School Closed

21st December Occasional Day- School Closed

22nd December 2022- 4th January 2023 Christmas Holiday

5th January 2023 Children return to school for Spring Term

Birthday sweets

Please do not send in sweets or chocolates to share in school when it is your child's birthday. We have a number of children with allergies and restrictions and it is difficult to guarantee foods free from these items.

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.



Please see below re invitation to apply to join St Albans Cathedral Choir.

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St Albans Cathedral Choir is currently looking to recruit new boy choristers particularly from school years 3 and 4.

Boys applying to join the choir are not expected to be the finished article. We are looking for enthusiasm for singing, a clear sounding singing voice and the potential to develop that voice. Membership of the choir does require quite a commitment, especially at weekends and at the church festivals of Christmas and Easter. The reward for the child is the enjoyment and self-esteem that singing to an acknowledged high level brings, being part of a small team of like-minded children and a free musical education to a professional standard. The choristers form strong friendships, bond as a team and also have fun social events including singing on an international tour once every two years as well as on national TV and radio from time to time.

More information can be found at <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/music/cathedralchoir/>

Any interested parents wishing to obtain more information should email the Cathedral music department, Mrs Lizzie Birnie, at lizzie.birnie@stalbanscathedral.org or ring 01717 890245 (Mon-Fri, 9-5).

She will send them information and guide them through the application process, which is done by a simple vocal audition.

We also have a companion Cathedral Girls Choir of a similar age range, which will be recruiting later in the academic year ready for entry in September 2023. Information for joining that choir can also be found on the website.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Lucas
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