



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### A word from the Headteacher

We have had a busy couple of weeks since the half term break. We have explored how to keep ourselves safe in a number of situations and celebrated those children who know how to do this. This week we have been reflecting on remembrance and truce and today joined in with the national 2 minute silence to think about all those affected by conflict. We will celebrate the children who have helped to resolve arguments between friends on Monday. With the weather being very changeable, please make sure your child has a coat in school each day so they can be outside when chilly or in a light shower. Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

### Breaktime snacks

As part of our drive to help our children keep healthy habits and support their focus during the morning, we are asking parents to make adjustments to the breaktime snacks provided to children.

**From December 1<sup>st</sup>**, children can bring in **ONLY** the following items:

- pieces of fruit such as apple, berries, satsumas and other oranges, tomatoes, kiwi, banana, melon, grapes
- vegetables such as raw carrot, cucumber, celery
- dried fruit such as raisins, sultanas, apricots
- seeds such as sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds

Other items like cereal bars, crisps, chocolate and biscuits will not be allowed as they contain too much added sugar which impacts focus and behaviours.

### 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 happened to our boats?

Year 1- Can you name the different animal groups?

Year 2- What objects are flexible or rigid?

Year 3 – In George and the Dragon, how did George kill the dragon?

Year 4 – Why might people digitally edit a photo by cropping it?

Year 5 – Which animal has the toughest migration?

Year 6 – Can you name an inherited human characteristic?

### School Day Length Consultation

Following the launch of the [Government's White Paper](#) schools must make sure they are delivering a minimum school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. Currently, with our registration time at 8:55am and finish time at 3:15pm each day, we are 50 minutes short of the required length of time for the week.

To ensure we meet this compulsory expectation, we need to extend our school day. We are giving you an opportunity to share your view on the options for doing this. We will take the views of parents and staff combined to make the final decision. Follow the link to make your choice by 30<sup>th</sup> November. <https://forms.office.com/r/maCBvxzEMq>

### Year 5/PTA Cakes and Makes Sale

Year 5 would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the cakes and makes sale. £341 was raised which Year 5 will put to an activity of their choice.

### Dates for your Diary:

18<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need- details to follow  
2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Fair  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December INSET Days- School Closed  
21<sup>st</sup> December Occasional Day- School Closed  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Christmas Holiday  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Children return to school for Spring Term  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 INSET day (change of date)

### Change of date

Please note there is a change of date to the school calendar. **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** will no longer be an INSET day but a normal school day. The INSET day is being moved to **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. This is to facilitate important staff training on therapeutic behaviour support.

