



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

### A word from the Headteacher

We have been settling back into full learning routines over the last two weeks, beginning our new history, geography and science topics and using the same book 'Journey' across the school as our inspiration for poetry and story-telling. Children have been sharing lots of positive work with me and have been proud to show their shiny Headteacher Award stickers.

In assemblies, children have been exploring stories behind solar eclipses, memories of the first days of school, greetings and welcoming others, and learning what kindness looks and feels like. We have celebrated children who have made the classroom a welcoming place for others and those who have shown kindness.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

### Attendance and health guidance

The below information is from the Department for Education in conjunction with the Royal College of GPs. It is helpful when considering whether to send an unwell child into school. Please call us if unsure.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

**It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses.** This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should **not** be sent to school if they have a temperature of **38°C or above**.

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it.

As we head into winter, we encourage you to uptake the seasonal flu vaccination and routine immunisations for eligible children and young people to help to reduce absences and the disruption they cause.

### Community Contribution

Thank you to all who donated their obsolete and foreign currency to the Mary's Meals Campaign last term, prompted by Masha, one of our pupils. The Windermere community contributed the equivalent of £107.14 which will feed 5 to 6 children for a year. We have also been mentioned in an article in the Herts Advertiser! Fantastic!

### Dates for your Diary:

29th September- Cross Country and PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (Whole school)

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October Bikeability Y5/6

2<sup>nd</sup> October Individual & Sibling Pupil Photos

24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October Half Term

30<sup>th</sup> October INSET day School Closed to pupils

31<sup>st</sup> October Secondary Transfer Applications close (Year 6)

1<sup>st</sup> December Occasional Day School Closed

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Christmas Holiday

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Children return to school for Spring Term

### Ask Your Child...

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

Reception- Can you name the people that live in your house??

Year 1- Can you find technology around your house?

Year 2- If you had a magic pencil, what would you draw?

Year 3 – If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

Year 4 – What would be your most exciting form of transport to take you on an adventure?

Year 5 – Name a Mayan god and include an interesting fact.

Year 6 – What are the classifications of all living things?

