



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### A word from the Headteacher

As we hang on to the last of the warm weather, it is a timely reminder that we should be preparing for cooler times to come with joggers a key part of autumn/winter PE kit and rain jackets and coats being worn or brought in to school. Many of us were caught out by the storm and heavy rain this week so having a coat to be able to go outside in when it is drizzly is really valuable. The whole school cross country event last week was wonderful with children cheering and supporting each other and all giving their best to complete their distance, with some doing double the laps needed! Year 5 and 6 have been learning how to travel safely on their bikes on the roads this week with their Bikeability training.

In assemblies, children have explored needs and wants linked to some of Aesop's fables, making wise choices and being gentle to encourage others. We have celebrated children who have made others in the class feel welcome.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

### Healthy Eating

Children in Year 3-6 are only permitted to bring in **fresh or dried fruits, seeds and vegetables** for their healthy playtime snack. Meat snacks, biscuits, bars and crisps are not allowed or suitable. Please also remember we are a nut free school. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have daily snacks provided. These are fresh fruits or vegetables.

### Community Partnership

We are lucky here at Windermere to be situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. However, we understand that this can make parking a challenge when doing pick up or drop off. While we would encourage as many families as possible to walk to school supporting healthy lifestyles, we know this isn't always possible.

If you do drive to school, please park with care and consideration to all our neighbours on Windermere Avenue and surrounding streets. Thank you.

### Community Contribution

Thank you to all who donated cakes for the Macmillan cake sale and parents who came and joined the coffee morning while supporting the children running their cross country events. Indications are that £250 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, which is a little more than was raised last year.

### Health and wellbeing

#### We have been asked to share some health information by the NHS around measles.

NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

### Dates for your Diary:

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultations  
20<sup>th</sup> October PTA Cake Sale Y3  
23<sup>rd</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)  
10<sup>th</sup> November PTA Cake Sale Y4  
1<sup>st</sup> December Occasional Day School Closed  
9<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair  
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- How can we make the number 4?

Year 1-Can you name the four seasons?

Year 2- What was your favourite list poem?

Year 3 -How many things can you name that can be turned into fossil?

Year 4 -If you could own a pet dragon, what would you feed it and where would it live?

Year 5 - What are the best bags for different purposes?

Year 6 - What mountain ranges are in Europe?

