

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back!

We hope you've enjoyed the summer break and are ready for a new and exciting school year. We have several new faces in school this week, with our Nursery starters and the welcome return to Class 1 of Miss Smith following her maternity leave.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available from 8am Monday to Friday, but **MUST BE BOOKED** in advance by contacting the school office by 4pm the day before at 01228 577264 or head@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk. Regular bookings can be made for a half term or longer; we welcome these as they help us to plan staffing effectively.

Our School Kitchen is open again!

We have our school kitchen fully open again and our own lunch menu back as of Tuesday, 4th September when we welcome Mr Paul Sanderson, as our new school cook. Mr Sanderson will cover Mrs Hope's role until her return. School meals remain at £2.00 a day for all Nursery children and pupils from Years 3 to 6. We will be starting with Week 3 of the menus which can be found on our website. Payment cards with details of how to pay will be issued during the first week back.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

We will again continue to provide a free school meal for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in line with Government funding. (However, please check if you qualify for any of the grants outlined below as it could help your child receive additional funding to help them in school too.)

PE - GYM & SWIM every Wednesday morning Y1-6 STARTING THIS WEEK (Wed 5th Sept.)

PE is every Wednesday morning during this first half term. Every child in Year 1 through to Year 6 will begin a 7 week course of gymnastics at Carlisle Gymnastics Club followed immediately by an ability matched swimming lesson at Morton Pool. The arrangements for every Wednesday morning is therefore a little different. Please try to help us prepare for the bus journey on time by following these arrangements:

8:45-8:50	Arrive at school wearing your school PE kits and school jumper, with your uniform in your PE bag and with your swimming kit in a separate bag (<i>swimming costume / trunks or above the knee swim-shorts and a towel, hair tied up, no jewellery, goggles are optional</i>).
8:50	Register then travel by bus (Irving's of Carlisle) to the Richard Rose Campus, Morton.
9:30-10:20	Gymnastics lesson (with Carlisle Gymnastics Club coaches)
10:30-11:30	Swimming lesson (with Carlisle Leisure swimming coaches and our teachers)
11:45	Travel back to school for lunch
12:30	Lunch

After-School Clubs

Clubs will begin on Monday 10th September, following a similar pattern to last year. A letter with details of what's on, how to register and pay is attached. Please return the reply slip to register by Thursday, 6th Sept.

'Parent and Toddler Group'

Parent and toddler group begins again on Wednesday 5th September, 1:30-3:30pm.

"This is a good school ... Activities capture pupils' interests and inspire confidence and enjoyment ... Excellent relationships between adults and pupils create a positive climate where pupils want to learn and do well." Ofsted 2015



Cool Milk

A reminder that every child who would like milk in school must be registered with Cool Milk. Mrs Vevers will register all of the children under 5 who receive milk free from the Government until their 5th birthday. Parents who wish to continue with milk after that will need to register at: www.coolmilk.com. Payments are made directly to the company; it costs approximately 21p a day for a carton.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

Do you know how to apply for 'Free School Meals' or a 'Clothing Grant'? If you qualify, these can pay for school meals as well as school uniform. It is very important that you still apply to Cumbria County Council for this grant even if your child receives the UIFSM (detailed above) as this will not only help financially (with a clothing grant) but may help school receive additional funds for educational support for your child. **The process is very quick and easy to do.** See the following link for details: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

Community Lunches

We hope to be able to reintroduce these this term. Please keep a look out for dates and a menu which will be sent home soon and will be posted on the school website.

Our Classes

As pupil numbers have remained quite strong we are able to maintain the high proportion of staffing in school allowing us to nurture and care for each child as we always have. We function as **three individual classes every morning**:

New Class name	Age of children	Main Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Class 1	Nursery, Reception and Year 1	Mrs Beattie (Mon, Tues & Wed pm) Miss Smith (Wed, Thur & Fri)	Mrs Elwen
Class 2	Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Batey	
Class 3	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Mr Neil	

During afternoon lessons, we will join together as two teaching classes:

New Class name	Age of children	Main Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Infants	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Optional Nursery (30 hours free & those paying for additional hours)	Mrs Beattie (Mon, Tues & Wed pm) Miss Smith (Wed, Thur & Fri)	Mrs Elwen (EYFS)
Juniors	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.	Mr Neil Mrs Batey (Thursday)	

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Batey,
Head Teacher