

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,

As we move through the Autumn term and the nights begin to draw in, our diary gets fuller with events and activities. Please keep checking out our website and Facebook page, as well as the noticeboards for new events happening.

Art and Growth Mind-set Day - Friday, 5th October

We are having a special art and growth mind-set day in school on Friday, this week. We have a specialist teacher coming to lead workshops and an assembly on how to develop a calm, mindful self, whilst developing self-esteem, perseverance and other personal character traits. This has been arranged to guide and further develop our children's learning and life skills, to help them become more confident and successful in anything they try.

Scholastic Book Club

Attached to this newsletter is the Autumn Book Club magazine. We haven't run this fundraiser for a couple of years but thought we would reintroduce it this term. For all books ordered school receives 25% of the order value in FREE books. If you would like to buy any books you can order and pay online at:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/shankhill> or alternatively complete the order in the leaflet and return to school with payment. Orders by 30th October please.

Religious Education theme week - Worship through Music 8th to 12th October

Next week we are having our annual RE themed week in which we are learning about worship through music. During the week we will learn traditional hymns and in particular we will learn about the people who inspired and wrote the traditional hymn 'How Great Thou Art'. We will explore the stories, biblical links, music and art work and create our own words, poetry, music and art work inspired by that hymn.

On Friday, 12th October from 10-11:30am, we will take part in the celebratory service at Brampton United Reform Church (KS2) and Brampton Methodist Church (KS1), where we will share our work and sing the hymns together with Lanercost, Gilsland, Lees Hill and Houghton Primary Schools. Children in Years 1 to 6 will leave school at 9:15am, travelling on a coach from Irving's of Carlisle and will return to school in time for their usual lunch. Class 1 (Nursery and Reception children) will remain in school with Miss Smith, Mrs Vevers and Mr Sanderson for a normal morning. As these services are for schools only, due to the high numbers of children from each of the six schools involved, we would like to share our presentations with parents, friends and family during our Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival - Tuesday, 16th October in school

We would like to invite you to our school harvest festival at 9:15am on Tuesday, 16th October. During the short service all our children would like to share with you work and singing from our RE week, and celebrate this traditional festival with family and friends of school.



This year we are again making a collection of food products to donate to a very worthwhile and local cause: *Carlisle Food Bank*. They work with community groups, voluntary groups and faith

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groups to support people in the Carlisle area. They rely on voluntary support to make the Carlisle Foodbank work. Would you be willing to donate in-date food from their shopping list available at: <https://www.carlislefoodbank.org.uk/shopping-list/>

Sport

Swim and Gym finishes this half term. After the break, PE will take place in school every Monday and Friday afternoon so all children from reception through to Year 6 will require full school PE kits in school each week. School PE kit consists of: pale blue t-shirt, dark royal blue shorts with plain blue or black joggers for outdoor use.

Trampoline/Badminton Festival @ WHS Thursday 18th October 3:45-5pm

There are 2 places available for children in Year 3/4, if anyone is interested please contact Mr Neil/Mrs Batey.

Half Term The half term break this year is from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October.

Uniform - Please can I remind everyone of our winter uniform now the colder weather is approaching:

- red sweatshirt or cardigan,
- navy polo shirt,
- black/grey trousers or skirt,
- black school shoes (all year round) - no boots please as these are uncomfortable for the children to sit on the floor in. During bad weather, if boots are worn to and from school, or for playtime, please send in shoes for the day.
- Coats for outdoor time

Music

After half term we welcome Mr King, who will begin as music teacher each Wednesday morning. Initially he will be working with whole school singing for Christmas, then he will move on to class music lessons and perhaps some instrumental tuition later in the year if there is interest in this.

PTA Halloween Party - Tuesday, 30th October



Look out for the PTA flyer coming soon inviting all of our children (including Nursery) to our PTA Halloween Party after school on Tuesday, 30th October, 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Tickets cost £5 which includes games, hot dogs, drinks and other refreshments.

School Meals

Please keep supporting these so that we can keep our kitchen open. We are becoming familiar with our children's menu choices now that we have completed the 3 week cycle. However, please feel free to discuss personal choices with us, to see how we can cater for these to provide your child with a hot, nutritionally balanced, 2 course school meal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Batey,
Head Teacher

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