



## Headteacher Newsletter – Autumn 2: Week 1

Week Commencing: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Value of the Month: Peace



### COVID Reminder

As always, please remember to be vigilant especially with the winter months approaching. If your child is displaying any symptoms, please do not send them into school without doing an LFT first. Test kits can be acquired from the school office if you are struggling. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email or phone 01229 462753. I can also be contacted via email at [head@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk) or at morning drop off.

### Free School Meals

If you feel you would be eligible to apply for Free School meals (FSM) then please apply using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### Parents Evening

The first Parents Evening of the academic year will take place next week. Appointments will be available to book via ParentMail from lunchtime tomorrow. Appointments will take place in school - please come to the hall doors, sanitise on your way in and sit at the appropriate table. Masks are optional.

Dolphin – 09/11/2021 and 10/11/2021

Whale – 09/11/2021 and 10/11/2021

Shark – 10/11/2021 and 11/11/2021

A separate Nursery drop in session has been planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There will be no need to book for this event, please turn up anytime between 3:30-4:30pm using the main entrance.

### Christmas Fayre

Miss Jackson and Miss Ritchie are busy planning the Christmas Fayre which will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 5:00-7:00pm.

Every Tuesday, leading up to the event, we are looking for help and support with preparations. Everyone is welcome to help out; we appreciate any support you can offer. Sessions will take place in Shark Classroom, 3:30-4:30pm.

### Christmas Messy Play

For those who have booked and paid, tickets are now available to collect from the school office.

### Family Group Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Group afternoon – it was lovely to see so many of you. Please look out on Dojo for photos soon.

### The School Day

8:45-9:00	Doors Open/Registration
9:00	Collective Worship
9:15	Session 1
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 2
11:30	Session 3
11:55 12:00 12:05	Dolphin Lunch Whale Lunch Shark Lunch
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break – Dolphin/Whale
2:15	Session 5
3:15	Home time

### Extra-curricular Clubs

New clubs have started this half term. Please ensure you have booked via ParentMail if you would like your child to attend.

### Poppy Appeal

Poppy merchandise is now available to purchase from the school office. This year we have the following:

Zip Pull – 50p  
Reflector – 50p  
Wristband - £1  
Snap Band - £1  
Pin Badges £2  
Poppies – 50p

Donations are a suggested minimum and I will share a poster via Dojo.

### Photographs - Tempest

A reminder that the deadline is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November for anyone wishing to purchase photographs via school and not online.

### Parliament Week

This week is Parliament Week and as a school, we will be working on activities throughout the week in PSHE. Look out for more information from School Parliament.

### Collection/Drop off and Walking Home

Moving forwards, after a recent review of procedures, I would like to bring in a new routine at ISP whereby I am certain that everyone is safe on route to and from school.

The following will take effect from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### November:

\*All pupils will have a list of adults who are permitted to drop off/collect and school will have contact details for these adults.

\*All pupils will have a 'safe word' for cases where a different adult drops off/collects in extraordinary circumstances.

\*Anyone wishing to borrow a high visibility vest during the darker months can make contact with myself or the school office and we can provide one.

\*Once in Shark Class, pupils can walk to meet parent/carers, walk part way or the whole way home providing someone is there to meet them and they can be trusted to do so. If we have any concerns, this will be shared.

\*Pupils walking home will have a completed a yearly permission form.

\*Pupils walking to and from school independently in the winter/dark months (November - March) should wear a high visibility vest which can be provided by school.

Forms will be set up via ParentMail this week for you to complete the above information and I would be grateful for a prompt reply.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Staffing

Over the course of this term, there will be a number of staffing changes.

Firstly, Mrs Alexander will be joining Shark Class as a SEND teaching assistant for two years. Mrs Alexander impressed us with a fantastic interview and is looking forward to joining the ISP team later this month.

Secondly, after being at ISP for almost seven years, Miss Ritchie has decided to take the next step in her career and move to pastures new. Miss Ritchie has accepted the position of a HTLA role and will leave ISP on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Ritchie has been with ISP through a huge period of change, improvement and success, and will be sadly missed. I am sure you all join me in wishing Miss Ritchie lots of success and happiness in her new adventure.

After successful interviews before the half term break, Miss Batten has been appointed to take over Miss Ritchie's role in school. Miss Batten is currently in a teaching role and relocating to the area so will be joining ISP in January. Cover will be organised in the interim.

### Swimming

Swimming continues this term for Shark Class for a further three weeks with the last session being on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Whale Class will take part in swimming during Spring Term from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Details will be shared via ParentMail nearer the time.

### WOM - October

Congratulations to the following pupils:

*Nursery – Amber Southward*

*Reception – Daisy Chapples*

*Year 1 – Zane Aboudi*

*Year 1 – Florence Gardiner*

*Year 2 – Ruby McDonnell*

*Year 3 – James Peace*

*Year 4 – Erin Knagg*

*Year 5 – Sammy-Ted Postlethwaite*

*Year 6 – Samuel Stokes*



### Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – YoKids begins for Shark Class
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisations for R-Y6  
Bonfire Night Safety delivered by the Fire Service
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Hearing Screening for Reception
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Dolphin and Whale Class Parents Evening, 3:45-6:00pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Shark Class Parents Evening, 3:45-6:00pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day in aid of the Christmas Fayre
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Askam and Ireleth Service of Remembrance
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Pyjamas Bedtime Reading Event, 5:30pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- W/C Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Cyclewise for Y5/6
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Incredible India theme day led by Shark Class
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Library Bus, 1:15pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – ISP Christmas Fayre 5:00-7:00pm
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Askam and Ireleth Christmas Light Switch on
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Key Stage Assessment Information night, 3:45pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Whale Class Carols and Cards outside the Old Vicarage, PM
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Nursery Parent/Carer Drop in session, 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – WOM for November, 2:45pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Phonics Screening Week
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 SATs Information night, 3:45pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1/2/3 Christmas Play
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Makaton Concert, 10:30am
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December – ISP Christmas Messy Play, 10:00am
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle at St Peter's
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Multiplication Check Information Night, 3:45pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Family Group Day 2 (Joy)  
Whole School Christmas Party 4:00-5:30pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service at St Peter's, 9:30am  
School closes for Christmas, 1:30pm

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries via email or at morning drop off.

Take care,

*R E McFarlane*

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begins  
with a  
smile.”  
Mother Teresa

*Inspiring Successful Partnership  
through God's love*