



Headteacher Newsletter – Week 2



Week Commencing: Monday 7th September 2020

Value of the Month: Friendship

Welcome back

It was lovely to have our ISP family back together again last week. All the children have settled well and are adapting to the new routines very quickly. The children look very smart in the correct uniform and it has been lovely to see such smiley faces. Today, we held our first Collective Worship in the hall and this went very smoothly. The change of entrance points for Whale and Dolphin class also worked much better with no children crossing inside. There will be the need for continual review of the new systems in place to ensure they are efficient. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at head@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk or at morning drop off.

School Lunches

A reminder that once your child enters Year 3, they are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). School lunches will be charged at £2.60. Nursery meals are also chargeable and cost £1.90.

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

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

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- *Income Support (IS)
- *Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- *An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- *The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- *Universal Credit

The School Day

8:45-9:00	Doors Open
9:00	Registration
9:05	Collective Worship
9:15	Session 1
10:15	Break – EYFS
10:30	Break – Whale/Shark
10:30	Session 2
10:45	Session 2
11:00	Session 3
11:15	Session 3
11:45	Lunch EYFS
12:15	Lunch – Whale/Shark
1:00	Session 4
1:10	Session 4
2:00	Break – EYFS/Whale
2:15	Session 5
3:15-3:20	Home time

VOM

The Value of the Month for September is

Friendship

The children will be exploring this theme during whole school worship and within their class bubbles.

Contact Details

Mrs Doherty will be contacting everyone shortly to ensure your contact details are up to date on our school records.



Swimming

Swimming for Shark Class (Y4/5/6) will begin on Monday 14th September at Dalton Leisure Centre. **The cost this year is £13 per half term and £26 for the full term.** This should be paid via ParentMail.

Children will need to bring a swimming bag containing swimming costume/shorts and a towel.

Dalton Leisure Centre have provided schools with the following reassurance:

- *A new one-way system is in place
- *Perspex barriers in the reception area
- *Social distancing in all areas of the centre
- *Enhanced cleaning and sanitising stations
- *Intensified cleaning of changing rooms between groups

Transport will be provided by Fussell's Travel this year. Pupils will not need to wear masks on the coach but adults will.

Guitars

Our guitar tutor, James, will resume lessons in school on Wednesday 9th September. If your child is in Year 2 or above and you would like them to participate, please sign up via ParentMail.

Lessons will take place in the hall to allow for social distancing. The lessons are 30 minutes long and cost £4.

Payment should be made via ParentMail. A small number of guitars are available to borrow. These will be cleaned after use.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be filled with water or sugar free flavoured still water only. Juice is not permitted.

Parking

As you will be aware, we have significantly increased our pupil numbers again this year.

With the increase in families/cars, road safety is paramount and parking will need to be done with consideration. **Please do not park on the yellow lines unless you have a blue badge. The yellow zig zags are out of bounds at all times.**

The 15-minute morning drop off slot is designed to help alleviate this.

PE

PE kits need to be in school this week. They will be sent home every Friday for washing. Details of PE days can be found on Class Newsletters.

ONSIDE Sports will continue to provide the majority of PE lessons at ISP. Will McGuire is the new coach allocated to ISP. Due to Will attending other schools, he will be required to wear a mask where social distancing cannot be maintained inside. This will mainly apply to when in classrooms as there is plenty of space to Social Distance once in the hall and PE is underway.

Class Dojo

After the success of Class Dojo last year, classes are aiming to use this as their main form of communication with you. If you are not yet connected, please contact the office or email your class teacher.

Dates for your diary...

- Wednesday 9th September – Guitar tuition begins (Year 2 upwards)
- Monday 14th September – Swimming begins for Shark Class (10 weeks)
- Friday 18th September – Jeans for Genes Day, £1 donation
- Tuesday 22nd September – School photo day – Further details to follow



As always, please do not hesitate to contact me. With less events taking place in/out of school, I will be monitoring the need for a weekly newsletter.

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