



Headteacher Newsletter 1

Week Commencing: Tuesday 7th January 2020



Value of the Month: Justice

Welcome back...

A warm welcome back to ISP after what I hope has been a wonderful Christmas break for you all. Despite the weather, the children arrived full of excitement to see their friends and teachers. This week, we also welcome one new nursery pupil! Although only a short term, there is still plenty going on. Please see the end of the newsletter for dates.

Swimming

Swimming begins for Whale Class on Monday 13th January, running until Monday 23rd March. The cost for this is £26 for the 10 sessions and should be paid via ParentMail. Each week, the children will need to bring a swimming bag containing swimming costume/shorts and a towel. The coach leaves at 9:25am.

Guitars

Guitar lessons will resume tomorrow. If your child is in Year 2 or above and would like to start these lessons, please book this via ParentMail. Whilst these lessons are subsidised by school, the cost for each lesson remains at £4 and can be paid at the school office.

WOM

Thank you to everyone who joined us for WOM at Church on the final day of term. It was lovely to celebrate such fantastic work!

Well done

*Nursery – Oliver Cush
Reception – Ruby McDonell
Year 1 – Finbar Widmer-Lamb
Year 2 – Finley Chapples
Year 3 – Eliza Wallace
Year 4 – Jon-Joe Caine
Year 5 – Zachary Faben
Year 6 – Erin Morrison*

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that extra-curricular clubs will resume next week. Details of new clubs will be on ParentMail by Friday at the latest.

Parking

After another phone call this morning, may I please remind you not to use the land belonging to the cottages to turn or park on. May I also remind you that the carpark is for staff only.

Coniston to Barrow

This year, after a suggestion, we will be putting a team together for the C2B. The team will be open to children in Shark Class only. Due to the registration deadline looming, more details will follow from Miss Jackson shortly.

The School Day

8:45-8:55	Door Open
8:55	Registration
9:00	Collective Worship
9:15	Session 1
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 2
11:00	Session 3
11:55	Lunch Dolphin
12:05	Whale
12:10	Shark
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break (EY/KS1 only)
2:00	Session 5
2:15	Session 5 for EY/KS1
3:15	Home time

School Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform. It was noted last term that a number of children have been wearing trainers to school and polo tops without the school logo. Full details of our school uniform are always on the school website if you need to check. Please inform school, at drop off time, if there is any reason why your child is not in full school uniform.

Reception Intake

A final reminder that all applications must be received online by **Wednesday 15th January.**



Safeguarding

Please take note of the following safeguarding reminders:

- With regards to Breakfast/After School Club, all children must be signed in/out of school by a responsible adult. This is for safeguarding purposes. Please do not arrive any earlier than 7:45am as there is only 1 member of staff until Breakfast Club starts.
- At morning drop off, please allow your child to come into school independently. If they are upset, the relevant staff member will come to greet them.
 - If dropping off a child late, please sign them in and allow them to go to class independently.

Class Dojo

Going forwards with Class Dojo, the children will be rewarded slightly differently. Each new full term, the children will begin on 0 points. When they reach multiples of 20, they will choose a small prize from the class prize box. Any children who receive 100 or more dojos during the whole term will be awarded a special certificate, a prize and an extra treat. Certificates will be presented the WOM falling at the end of term. Their names will also be entered into the Dojo raffle for the end of the school year.

Every class has been made aware of this during Collective Worship this morning and are very excited to aim for 100 points this term!



Attendance

Evidence shows that there is a direct link between poor attendance and underachievement. Pupils not in school are more at risk of failing to achieve. We want your child to do their very best. That is why it is important you help us by ensuring your child is in school everyday. The law requires that parents/carers ensure that their children attend school and are on time.

Our target for attendance this year is **97%**.

As in previous terms, I will continue to monitor attendance on a half termly basis. This will involve a review of whole school attendance and individual attendance. If your child is recorded as having poor attendance, you will receive a letter. If your child is arriving late to school on repeated occasions, you will also receive a letter. If both of the above become persistent problems, you will be invited into school to discuss ways in which we can support you.

Children, like adults, occasionally fall ill and we understand this. Please ensure that if your child is well enough, they come to school.

In an effort to improve attendance, we will be implementing the following:

- Weekly attendance award for the class with the highest attendance, presented at SOW.
- Attendance mascot.
- Termly certificates for those children with 100% attendance to be presented at WOM.
- End of year award for 100% attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Attendance Missed Days (per year)

100% 0 98% Less than 4 days 97% Less than 5 days 95% Less than 10 days
90% 20 days 85% 27.5 days 80% 37.5 days

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 8th January ~ Barrow Raiders Rugby coaching commences until 25/03/20

Monday 13th January ~ Swimming begins for Whale Class.

Extra-curricular clubs begin

Wednesday 15th January ~ Closing date for reception applications

Friday 31st January ~ Barrow Dental Care in school.

WOM, 2:45pm

Year 2 Indoor athletics, 3:45pm

Tuesday 4th February ~ J4J in school

Friday 7th February ~ Key Steps Gymnastics, 1:15pm

Friday 14th February ~ Half term

Monday 24th February ~ Spring Term 2 begins

Friday 28th February ~ WOM, 2:45pm

Thursday 5th March ~ World Book Day

Friday 6th March ~ Year 1 Fun Event at DASH, 1:15pm

Monday 9th March ~ Library Bus, 1:15pm

Wednesday 11th March ~ Shark Class at The Big Bang, Furness College, 12:30pm

Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March ~ Parents Evening

Monday 23rd March ~ Final swimming for Whale Class

Tuesday 24th March ~ J4J in school

Wednesday 25th March ~ U-Dance for Shark Class

Friday 27th March ~ WOM, 2:45pm

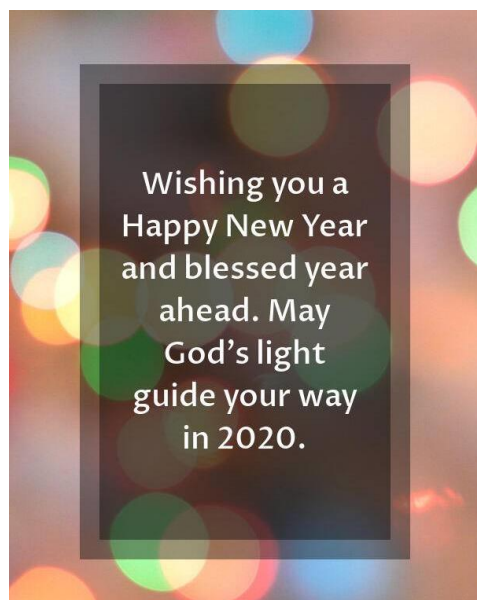
End of term

Tuesday 14th April ~ Summer Term 1 begins

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

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