



## Headteacher Newsletter 3

Week Commencing: Monday 13th March

Value of the Month: Perseverance



### Number Day

What a fantastic experience! The children worked so hard throughout the week to plan, order and cook their meals to sell at Digit Diner. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and support the children who were so proud to be able to sell something they had made. A huge thank you should also go to Mrs Saunders, our Maths Coordinator, who planned and organised the whole event. As well as using their mathematical skills in real life activities, the children managed to raise lots of money for the Church Steeple fund. Well done everybody!



### Afternoon Tea

Thank you to those who have returned reply slips to the school office in time for the deadline today. For those who have not returned slips and wish to attend, please phone the school office ASAP as Mrs Buckingham will not be accepting orders after today. Thank you.

### Playgroup

This continues to be a huge success with on average 20 families attending every week! This week, we will be joined by a local representative of Usborne Books from 9:30am. This was a popular stall when she visited last week and will provide an extra opportunity for those who couldn't make it.

### Star of the Week

Dolphin – Oliver Southward  
Whale Class – Evan Kewley  
Shark Class – Ethan Oliver

Well done children!  
Remember to hand your jumpers in on Friday to be washed.



### Family Service

A reminder that there will be a family service at St Peter's Church this Sunday starting at 11:15am. The congregation are always delighted to see children from School so please do pop along and join in if you are available. There are always delicious refreshments at the end of the service. The children do not need to wear their school uniform. The Church hopes to plan in regular Family services on the third Sunday of every month.

### Dowdales Fun Event

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Reception and Year 1 have been invited to Dowdales to participate in a fun sporting event. We would appreciate offers of transport for this event which takes place from 1:15pm – 3:00pm. Multi-skills club will still be taking place back at the end of the day with Mr Heywood.

### Work Experience

Two students from UVHS will be joining us this week for work experience. William Lackey and former pupil Maria Cooksey will gain a wealth of experience at ISP and I'm sure the children will make them feel very welcome.

### 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
11:55-12:00	Lunch Dolphin
12:00-12:05	Whale Shark
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break (EY/KS1 only)
2:00-2:15	Session 5 Session 5 for EY/KS1
3:15	Home time

### Science Week

What a busy week we have planned! Thank you to those who brought in the materials we were requesting and to those who have offered support. During the course of the week, the children will enjoy visits from Dowdales, Furness Academy and Celed Rocks! Look out for pictures on our Facebook page.

### Coffee Morning

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a coffee morning held in Askam Community Centre from 10:00am -12:00pm to raise funds for the Church steeple. Please support this worthy cause.

### Family Groups

Miss Thistlethwaite's family group are working hard every Friday afternoon to improve our outdoor areas. They are specifically focusing on Mermaids Lookout this term and plan to make some furniture. They are kindly asking for donations of wooden pallets and wooden blocks, and would also be very grateful for offers of support.

### Dates for your diary...

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March ~ Science Week.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March ~ Usborne book stall in attendance at Playgroup in the hall from 9:30am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March ~ 1:15pm R/Y1 Fun Event at Dowdales.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March ~ Family Service at St Peter's Church, 11:15am.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March ~ Cricket workshop for KS1 at Furness College, 2:00-3:00pm.

Red noses on sale for £1 – one per child only.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ NHS Roadshow for KS2 in the school hall, 10:30-11:30am.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March ~ Red Nose Day and Mother's Day afternoon tea at 12:00pm.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March ~ Coffee Morning at Askam Community Centre, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March ~ U-Dance Rehearsal for KS2 in AM, 7pm performance at Forum 28.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March ~ WOM assembly at 2:45pm in the school hall.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>/Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April ~ Parent's Evening.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April ~ End of term assembly at St Peter's Church, 2:15pm.



Finally, I close my newsletter with some news regarding the current staff structure. As Dolphin class are aware, unfortunately Miss Thistlethwaite will be leaving her post as class teacher at Ireleth St Peter's at the end of this term. This has been a carefully considered decision from Miss Thistlethwaite who will be relocating during the Easter holidays to Edinburgh to be with her long-term partner. The children have been informed of this news this afternoon.

Due to the timescale, we will be advertising for a teacher next term in preparation for a September 2017 start. This will enable us to attract a wide field of candidates to appoint. In the meantime, we are securing an experienced supply teacher from a well-established supply agency to teach Dolphin Class for the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on our appreciation for the contribution Miss Thistlethwaite has made to our school during her time here and her commitment to the children in Dolphin class. Whilst Miss Thistlethwaite will be greatly missed, we wish her the very best for her future career and new life in Edinburgh.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

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