



## Headteacher Newsletter 1

**Date:** Friday 16/09/22

**Value of the Month:** Friendship



### Welcome back

It was lovely to have our ISP family back together again last week after a very long summer break. Pupils have settled quickly and adapted to their new classroom and school routines. Everyone looks very smart in the correct uniform and ready for an amazing year at ISP!

As always please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff with any queries or for support. In keeping with the importance of wellbeing, please bear in mind that messages will be responded to between 8:15am and 4:00pm. In Shark Class, please message the relevant Class Teacher on their working day (Mrs Saunders Monday and Tuesday then Miss Jackson Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) at ISP is made up of myself, Mrs Kidson and Mrs Saunders. At least one member of the SLT will always be on the door every morning and afternoon.

The office can be contacted during office open hours – see below.

You can contact Mrs Appleby via email [admin@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk), by phone 01229 462753 or Class Dojo.

Monday 08:30-15:15

Tuesday 08:30-15:15

Wednesday 08:30-14:00

Thursday 08:30-14:00

Friday 08:30-12:00

### School Lunches

School lunches for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are free under the UIFSM scheme. Unfortunately, once your child enters Year 3, they are no longer eligible for this. School lunches are then charged at £2.65. We believe the standard of our lunches are high, incredibly good value and meet the nutrition guidelines. Nursery meals are also chargeable and cost £1.95.

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
- \*The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- \*Universal Credit

### The School Day

8:45-8:55	Doors Open
9:00	Registration
9:00	Session 1
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 2
11:00	Session 3
11:50 12:00 12:10	Dolphin Lunch Whale Lunch Shark Lunch
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break – Dolphin/Whale
2:15	Session 5
2:55	Collective Worship
3:15	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.

### Contact Details

It is imperative that we have up to date contact details for all pupils in school. Mrs Appleby will send existing contact details to everyone, by the end of next week, for you to update where necessary. These must be returned ASAP.

### Class Dojo



Please make sure you are connected to Class Dojo for regular updates and information from classes. If you are not yet connected, please contact the office or email your class teacher.

### Volunteers

As a school, we would value any volunteers willing to listen to pupils read individually. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked by school. If you would like to find out more information, please contact me.

### SENDCO

Mrs Saunders will continue to take the SENDCo role here at ISP. Her SENDCo working hours are Wednesday afternoon where she can be contacted on [sendco@irelethtpeters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@irelethtpeters.cumbria.sch.uk)

Finally, huge congratulations to Mrs Saunders who has successfully completed her National Award for SEN Coordination with Edge Hill University!

### School Term Dates

Cumbria County Council Term dates will be shared via Class Dojo.

### Swimming

Swimming for Shark Class (Y4/5/6) will now begin on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at Dalton Leisure Centre. **The cost this year is £20** 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. Further details will be included on Class Dojo and in the Class Newsletter.

### Collective Worship

Collective Worship will now take place every day at 2:50pm. Staff and children will join together for these sessions which will be a lovely end to a day in school. Mrs Saunders will share further details on Collective Worship with you.

### Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop is running in school every morning break. Items range from 5p upwards to 20p.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day to ensure they stay hydrated. Bottles should be filled with water or they are welcome to have sugar free flavoured still water. **Juice is not permitted whether in a clear bottle or not.**

### Home School Agreement

So far, 60 Home School Agreements have been completed. We are still awaiting 12 responses and ask that these are completed ASAP.

### PE

The correct PE kit must be worn for all PE sessions this year. Children will be unable to participate in PE without their kit therefore it is important they are in school on the correct day. Details of PE days can be found on Dojo and Class Newsletters. Children participate in two PE lessons per week or one if their class are swimming that term. ONSIDE Sports will provide one of these PE lessons at ISP. Whale and Shark Class will be sent home in their PE kits on Thursdays due to time restrictions and in order to enable them to receive a full lesson. Please ensure they are back in school when required.

### School Parliament

Miss Wright will continue to lead School Parliament this year and share details with you soon.

### School Grid

Please note, school meals ordered at home and not cancelled by 9:30am will still be charged by SchoolGrid.



### Parking

With new families joining ISP, now seems a sensible time to provide the following reminder.

**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.**

**Please do not park in the turning circle**

The 10-minute morning drop off slot is designed to help alleviate this.

I realise that parking at ISP, like most other schools, is challenging and I do appreciate your support and cooperation with this.

Myself, The Parish Council and Governors are continuing to liaise with the Highways about options for the future including the urgent need to address the speed of traffic on the main road.

### Dates for your diary...

- Tuesday 13th September - Playgroup begins, 9:15-11:15  
Wednesday 14th September - Guitar tuition begins  
Monday 19th September – School Closed for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral  
W/C Monday 19th September - Extra-Curricular Clubs begin.  
Friday 23rd September - Jeans for Genes Day £1  
KS1 Fun Run at Dowdales  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Phonics Workshop for parent/carers, 3:30pm  
Wednesday 28th September - Nasal Flu Clinic  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Worker of the Month 2:45pm (All welcome)  
MacMillan Coffee event TBC  
Tuesday 4th October - Harvest Worship at St Peter's Church, 9:30am (All welcome)  
Wednesday 5th October - Tempest Photography in school (individual/sibling)  
Tuesday 18th October - Shark Class Worship, 2:50pm (All welcome)  
Friday 21st October – Worker of the Month 2:45pm (All welcome)  
End of Term  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Autumn Term 2 begins  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week  
New extra-curricular clubs begin  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Moving Monkees in Dolphin Class, 1:45pm  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Bedtime Story Night (All welcome), 5:00pm  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Worker of the Month 2:45pm (All welcome)  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Choir at Askam Sisterhood, PM  
Christmas Fayre, 5:00-7:00pm  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Dolphin and Whale Class Nativity  
Dress Rehearsal for whole school 9:30am  
Performance 1 - 1:30pm  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Performance 2 – 5:30pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas Disco, 5:00-6:30pm, £1.50  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight/Christingle at St Peter's Church, 3:30pm (All welcome)  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Worker of the Month, 9:10am (All welcome)  
End of term at 1:15pm (No After school Club)  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Spring Term 1 begins

Finally, a warm welcome to our lovely new pupils who have joined ISP and also to Mrs Appleby and Miss Caldwell – what a great start everyone has made. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or at morning drop off.

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