

Dear Children and Parents

We are so pleased finally to be welcoming back all children to school next week. This has been a very difficult time for everyone and it will be amazing to be all together again. We will still need to stay in our class bubbles at school and follow all previous Covid secure practice to keep us all as safe as we possibly can.

We are extremely grateful to those families who have stayed at home this term. You have contributed to the very important nationwide effort to bring down the numbers of people contracting Covid. Your fortitude and resilience to keep on going and keep on learning in whichever way you could is so appreciated. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Drop Off and Collection Times

We ask that parents continue to follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks when dropping off and picking up children from school. Drop off and pick up will be in the same places and at the same times as they were for the Autumn Term. When the children arrive in the morning, there will be a 20 minute window from 8.30am to 8.50am in which children should arrive so that large groups will not gather outside. The following end of day times will be in place again from Monday:

- 3.10pm - EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2
- 3.20pm - Year 3 and Year 4
- 3.30pm – Year 5 and Year 6

As for the Autumn Term, younger siblings will stay with their teachers until their older siblings' leaving time.

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that Breakfast club and After School club will be available from Monday. You must book your session by the day before you require it as we will not be able to accept bookings on the day. This is to ensure we are adhering to the correct adult to child ratios. To support parents as best we can this year, we will provide After School Club on the last day of the Spring Term.

School Lunches

Lunches can be booked via School Gateway as normal.

School Uniform

Clean school uniform should be worn every day from Monday, with the exception of PE days. A reminder for children to wear layers and bring in coats as all

classrooms are well ventilated. Please look carefully at the timetable on Google Classroom for your child’s PE days. PE kit is worn in school on those days.

Equipment Brought into School

Pupils should limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, book bags, water bottle and sun/weather protection (if required). Please return any Power Maths and Reading books that you may have at home.

Forthcoming Dates

Mon 8 th March	Return to school for all pupils. Full school uniform, with plenty of layers.
Wed 10 th March	Tullie House Virtual Assemblies: Y5 – Border Reivers Y6 – History of Carlisle
Fri 12 th March	World Book Day. Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character and/or bring in the book in which your character features.
Fri 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Nose Day. Please come to school dressed up as your favourite superhero or wear something red. • Children will also need to bring in a joke to share with their class. • If you would like to, donations can be made via School Gateway from 1st to 31st March.
w/c Mon 29 th March	Egg decorating will now be set as a fun homework activity to participate in at home with all the family. This year’s theme is “people who have made a difference during the pandemic”. Please photograph your family’s creation and share it on your Google Classroom.
Thu 1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Spring Term. • Egg rolling down the school hill will take place in class bubbles and a short video of this event will be added to your child’s Google Classroom. <u>Please let school know if you do not wish your child to be filmed.</u> This year, school will provide a boiled egg for each child and prizes for each class. • We will provide After School Club on this day
Mon 19 th April	Children return to school for the start of the Summer

	Term.
Mon 5 th – Wed 7 th July	Newlands Residential for Years 3, 4 and 5.
Wed 7 th – Fri 9 th July	Eskdale Residential for Year 6.
Fri 16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Term.• Leavers Service for Y6 – details to follow.

Best wishes

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