



Raughton Head C of E Primary School
Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DD
Head teacher Mrs A Dickinson

28th March 2019

Dear parents / guardians,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support you have shown me both before and after my permanent appointment at the school. I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead and ensuring that the school is a fantastic place for learning where children can feel safe, supported and happy.

Summer Term

Next half term the whole school topic will be dinosaurs – the updated topic webs will be on the website soon.

There are quite a few sporting opportunities for children during the summer term. All dates are on the school web calendar and specific details will follow in due course.

Just a reminder that all the juniors will be taking part in weekly swimming lessons at Morton Pool on a Monday morning from Mon 15th April (our first day back), so please ensure you send your child with appropriate swimwear (no bikinis please) and a towel.

We will be travelling by bus to and from the pool and children will be supervised at all times by school and swimming pool staff. There will be no charge to parents for these sessions as they are paid for through the sports funding that we receive from the government.

Spelling Scheme

As a staff we have been discussing the spelling scheme currently used in the school. After a review, assessments and discussions with the children we will be adapting the Read Write Inc (RWI) spelling scheme to enable us to:

- allow us meet the spelling expectations of the National Curriculum 2014
- raise standards in spelling
- provide consistency and progression in the teaching of spelling
- help support children to enable them to be more confident at spelling

We have visited other schools that use this scheme effectively and we feel it will be more beneficial to the children as it helps children to learn spellings with common patterns and uses rules in order to help them recall spellings as well as teaching exceptions to these rule. This will be based on a phonetic approach where children are encouraged to apply phonetic spelling rules. RWInc Spelling is an interactive programme, which teaches spellings in a fun and engaging way. Each unit is introduced with a short video. We are looking forward to starting this new approach and for more information please see:

http://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/primary/literacy/rwi/rwi_spelling_faqs.pdf?region=uk

We are hoping to hold an information talk about this scheme in the summer term.

Friday 29th March

Tomorrow is our last day of the spring term and our end of term service is at 1:15pm in church. It is also our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea organised by the PTA. Normally, if parents are available to collect their children after the end of term service they can. This is still the case but on this occasion, so that any attendees can enjoy a relaxing tea without children, we will provide sports activities with Andy for any children that wish. Therefore, children will not need their book bags but will need their PE kits.

Internet Safety

After a very successful trip to the courts with children from year 5 and 6 it has sparked off our topic on e-safety. PCSO Kirkpatrick will be attending the school to speak to parents about internet safety on Tuesday 30th April at 7pm and he will also work with the children during a session on the afternoon of 14th May.

Individual music lessons

As you will be aware the individual music lessons with Mr Jeffrey could not take place today due to the school trip out, unfortunately on this occasion we have not been able to rearrange the tuition for a mutually convenient time. Any money owed will be reimbursed.

All other dates have been updated on our webpage.

Best wishes for a fantastic break from school,

Yours sincerely,



Alison Dickinson
Head teacher