



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

Dear parents,

Welcome back! I do hope you have had a relaxing summer break, ready and raring to be back to school! You may be pleased to know children are receiving an extra day off this term to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. School will close for Christmas on **Thursday, 16 December**. All dates will be sent out on Thursday.

This term will hopefully see some sort of return to normality with the dismissal of isolation for close contacts and hopefully for us staff the removal of lateral flow testing. Staggered collection times can also be removed resulting in school finishing at the original time of **3:30pm**

With the ease of restrictions, I am pleased to report that swimming sessions will resume once again, each **Monday afternoon**, initially for Class 3, followed by Class 2 in Spring Term and Class 1 in Summer Term. This year we are using the main swimming pool on James Street and will be transported by minibus. Children will need a towel, appropriate swimwear and goggles all sent in a separate bag. Sessions start on Monday, 13 September.

Each **Wednesday afternoon**, by kind permission of the Church Commissioners, we will be utilising the nearby woodland at Rose Bridge for forest school sessions. This will commence with Class 3, 2 then 1. Children will need suitable footwear in school for their session but will be able to borrow waterproofs from school if needed. Sessions start on Wednesday, 8 September.

For children wishing to continue with piano tuition, sessions will resume on **Wednesday mornings**. To cover this specialised tuition there is a charge of £8 per session, payable via School Money. Please let school know if you do not wish to continue – or alternatively if your child is interested in starting, there may be some slots left on a first come basis.

After School Club resumes this Thursday and bookings can be made via School Money. Please note that all overdue money needs to be paid before future bookings can be made. The following clubs have been finalised:

Monday – Tennis  
Tuesday – Drama with Rainbow Jelly Productions  
Wednesday – Mindfulness colouring and crafts  
Thursday – Traditional games  
Friday – Sport

Next Thursday, 9 September, Class 3 will be visiting Tullie House, a packed lunch will be provided by school and children will return in time for normal home time.

On Friday, 3 September we are holding a BBQ in the school grounds from 5pm, for all families and any community members that would like to join us. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the start of a new term and also the lifting of restrictions. Andy is happy to run club until 4:30pm for any families who want to join us at 5pm but don't want to collect and come back later!

Please contact me at school should you have any enquiries,

With very best wishes,

Alison Dickinson

**Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.**