



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

13th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dance

A celebration of dance for children in reception and class one will take place, this Wednesday, at Wreay Village Hall. Children will be performing their dance, completed in PE, for children from other schools. They will leave by bus at 10am and return for their lunch at usual time.

Safety

Keeping children safe is always on the agenda at our school. We have recently carried out a risk assessment of our site and a number of changes will be occurring over the next few months. This will ensure the continued safety of our children and assist in security.

Firstly, you may have already noticed the new gate at the end of the field. One of the first things we learn in the rural community is how to climb gates. Our original gate was easily climbed and therefore to prevent an easy exit or entry point, we have made it higher whilst still maintaining the countryside feel. Thank you to those parents and governors who helped make it happen at the weekend.

Our main entrance is due to change. Although we love the 'homely' feel of having a front door, there are a number of limitations... visitors can easily gain entrance to the whole school, there is nowhere safe for parents to wait while collecting children and as it is a solid door we don't always get a clear vision of who is behind the door. The new entrance will be sited through the black gates where the double doors now stand (the original entrance to the school). Through these doors there will be a new waiting area secured by an electronic swipe system and signing in system, only accessible by staff.

New, taller railings and gate will be placed beyond the entrance so that the area can still be locked during the school day while still allowing people access to the entrance. Mrs Graham's office will be located next to the new entrance and I will create a new office space within the existing front office.

The kitchen entrance will be secured limiting its use to deliveries only with a shutter system in place while deliveries are being made.

All will become more apparent as work commences during half term.

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Many thanks to all those people who have expressed an interest in helping with events at the school. The first event is a 'Big Breakfast' on Saturday, 4 March, more info to follow.

Half Term

We finish for half term on Friday, 17 February at normal school time. New dates for swimming, forest school and important dates are uploaded on our webpage:

<https://www.raughtonhead.cumbria.sch.uk/>

Have a lovely week off
Best wishes

Alison Dickinson
Head Teacher

Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.