



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

6th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and ready for the new academic year. All the children have settled in brilliantly today and school is feeling very energetic!

#### Thank You

Thank you for all the lovely cards, wishes and gifts we received at the end of last term. It was so thoughtful and was very much appreciated by all staff.

#### Staffing

The staff will be staying the same this academic year although currently, Mrs Bailey is absent from school recovering from an operation in the holidays. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery, Miss Hall is supporting class 3 presently while we await further news. From time to time I may be absent from school due to commitments for the Local Authority and Ofsted, however this will not affect the smooth running of the school and it is very much business as usual.

#### Breakfast Club

Please can I ask that breakfast club is booked at least a week in advance so that we can arrange staffing appropriately. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate last minute bookings.

#### After school Club

Our after-school club will be running as normal until 4:30pm. We had no further request to pursue the later finish and, as always, will continue to monitor interest should needs change.

Monday – Science Club

Tuesday – Tennis

Wednesday – Childcare - Drama will commence on Wednesday, 4 October.

Thursday – Traditional Games

Friday - Sports

Booking for clubs is via School Money – please contact us if you cannot login or need your details reset.

With Helena finishing the drama club we can only provide care for children on Wednesdays after school but all going to plan we have a drama teacher employed from Wednesday, 4 October. Catherine is extremely talented and looking forward to as many children joining as possible.

#### Swimming

This term, as children are swimming so confidently, we will be using the Sands Centre, Carlisle, for swimming lessons with children in Class 2 & 3 in the 25m pool. Lessons commence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September for Class 3 for 6 weeks. If your child is in class 3 please can you ensure they bring in a swimsuit/shorts & towel on a Monday.

#### Uniform

Over the summer I notice a lot of our children have shot up in height, in particular the girls. Could I please ask that if your child is wearing a skirt/dress that the length of this is just above the knee or alternatively, trousers/culottes are worn?

Also, please make sure uniform is labelled. Already we have brand new jumpers handed in with no names.

Finally, please can spare wellies be sent to school as the weather will no doubt be wet soon and it is better for children to use the grassed area in their boots.

Thank you

Please remember to put the following dates in your diaries;

### **September 2023**

- 06 – Back in School
- 11 – Swimming Lessons commence at The Sands Centre – Class 3
- 13 – Forest Schools – Class 3
- 18 – PTA meeting 7pm
- 20 - Forest Schools – Class 3
- 24 – Harvest Service 11am at All Saints Church
- 27 - Forest Schools – Class 2
- 29 – Baseline meeting for reception children parents – times to be arranged

### **October 2023**

- 04 – Forest Schools – Class 2
  - KS1 & KS 2 NFU Harvest live
- 11 – Forest Schools – Class 1
- 17 – Cross Country at The Sheepmount - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
- 18 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
  - Forest Schools – Class 1
- 20 – Stay & Play session 1:30pm – 3pm
  - **Break for half term**
- 30 – Back to school
  - Swimming lessons commence at The Sands Centre – Class 2

### **November 2023**

- 01 – Small Schools 5-a-side football at Harraby 3G Years 5 & 6
  - Forest Schools – Class 1
- 02 – Carlisle Cathedral remembrance workshop – Class 3
- 03 – PTA Cheese & Wine Evening
- 08 - Forest Schools – Class 1
  - Parents consultation appointments
- 15 – Forest Schools – Class 3
- 22 - Forest Schools – Class 3
- 23 – Library Bus visit
- 25 – Christmas fayre being held at Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill in aid of All Saints Church (£2 admission Under 16s free)
- 27 – Heidi Bea Photography
- 29 - Forest Schools – Class 2

### **December 2023**

- 06 - Forest Schools – Class 2
- 08 - Stay & Play session 1:30pm – 3pm
- 13 – Christmas Performance – Morning
  - Christmas Performance - Class 1 5:30pm
  - Class 2 & 3 6pm
- 14 – Theatre by the Lake - Christmas shows – Class 1 & Class 3
- 15 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 18 – The Sands Centre Christmas Pantomime – Class 2
- 19 – Children's Christmas Party
- 19 – **END OF AUTUMN TERM** – Service in Church at 1:30pm

As ever, if you have any questions please get in touch,

Best wishes



Alison Dickinson

Head Teacher

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