

October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend an enormous thank you for the generosity that you showed last week when we held our MacMillan Coffee Morning in aid of the MacMillan cancer charity. We had so many donations of cakes which helped us to raise £312.00 for this very important cause which I know affects so many of our families. The school PTA were the people who made it all happen seamlessly during the school day and even came in again to sell the remaining cakes at the end of the school day. We can't thank you all enough – a real display of the Ambleside community in action!

As you will have seen on your class Dojo updates and our Facebook page, lots has been happening across the school. Autumn is making itself known around school as the beautiful trees all around our building begin to lose their leaves. Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes made the most of a dry morning last week to explore the changes in our school woodland collecting woodland treasure and creating lovely pieces of autumn artwork and our Year 5 and 6 children used our school grounds to do some orienteering together.

Promoting reading is high on our agenda this term and we have exciting plans for developing our infant library over the next few weeks. We're also keen for our children to know all about Ambleside Library which is on our doorstep. Mrs Tarr took our Year 3 and 4 children up to the library in town with their library cards for their first of many visits this year. Our other classes will be making a visit soon. Mrs Broom, Headteacher

Individual Photos – 9th October

Individual photos of the children will be taken by Rebecca from Tempest Photography on Monday 9th October.

If you would like a photograph of your pre-school age children alongside their older brothers or sisters you can come along at 8:30am when Rebecca will take family group photos in one of our Key Stage 2 classrooms. All other photos will be taken during the school day.

School Meals

We have had a number of children whose school dinner has not been ordered for them in advance of lunchtime. The food order that we place for the school kitchen is based on the numbers of meals that have been ordered by parents.

Unfortunately, we just do not have the budget to purchase surplus food. When a child comes to get their lunch and a parent hasn't ordered their meal, we are not able to provide them with a hot meal and can only offer them a sandwich.

In order for our kitchen to operate smoothly, we are going to set a deadline from now on for ordering meals. From Friday 13th October, all meals for the week ahead must be ordered by Friday lunchtime of the week before. This gives our kitchen staff time to order the correct quantities of food in advance of the start of the new school week. Any children who have not had a meal ordered for them will have a sandwich made for them.

Harvest Festival – 20th October

We can confirm that our Harvest Festival will take place in St Mary's Church at 2:30pm on Friday 20th October. This is the last day of the half-term and it would be lovely to share the last part of the afternoon together with the children's families and carers. All family members are welcome so, if you have any extended family members that enjoy coming to school events, please do ask them to come along. Each class will be preparing something to share.

Food donations

From Monday 16th October, we will be collecting food donations for our Harvest Festival (non-perishable food in tins and/or packets). The donations will be displayed in St Mary's during our Harvest Festival and will then be donated to the local food bank.





MacMillan Coffee Morning – 29th September



Year 3 and 4 visited Ambleside Library

Dates for the next few weeks:

Monday 9th October – Individual Photos
Week beginning Monday 16th October –

food collection for Harvest Festival

Monday 16th October – Parent
 consultations, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday 17th October – Parent
 consultations, 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday 20th October – Harvest Festival,
 2:30pm