

November



Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a short, additional newsletter to keep you updated with things that are happening in school. We've added a few more dates to the diary that I wanted you all to be aware of in advance. There are a couple of other important pieces of information.

Mrs Broom

Children in Need

The annual BBC Children in Need fundraiser will take place on Friday 17th November. Our school council met this week to decide on how the school can join in and raise some funds. We are asking children to wear their own clothes for the day (these can be spotty if they want them to be) and to bring in a small teddy of their choice. Later in the day, the older children (and their teddies) will join up with the younger children in the school to share stories and do some reading together.

Donations of £1 or £2 will be collected for the charity.

Can parents please ensure that their children only bring in one teddy for the day and that it isn't a very big one?



Update on School Uniform and PE days

During the Covid pandemic, it was necessary to change our policy on PE lessons and ask children to come to school in their PE kit on days when they are having PE.

As the school is no longer operating under Covid restrictions, the governing body have decided that, from Wednesday 3rd January 2024, children will be expected to come to school in their school uniform every day and have their PE kit in a bag in school.

A number of standards in our school uniform have lapsed during this time and a full return to the agreed school uniform will be in place from Wednesday 3rd January 2024. This will involve all children being expected to wear black trousers or skirts instead of track suit bottoms. Anyone wearing track suit bottoms as part of their uniform (outside of PE lessons) will be asked to change into spare uniform for the day. Our policy on footwear will also be fully reinstated. A wide variety of brightly coloured trainers have crept into uniforms and, from Wednesday 3rd January, we will be insisting that children wear either black trainers, black shoes or dark coloured walking shoes (no bright colours).

White trainers and other coloured trainers will not be acceptable school uniform and any child wearing them for school will be given alternative footwear for the day. We are informing parents of our intention to return to pre-pandemic uniform standards well in advance to give people plenty of time to ensure that their child's uniform is correct. If anyone has concerns or worries about the cost of school uniform, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. We have lots of spare uniform that we can give you.

When our children are out and about at trips and events in our local area and further afield, we want the uniform that our children are wearing to reflect the high standards that we have in school.

Thank you for working with us in supporting your child with this.

Dates for your diary *new dates added

Monday 13th November, 2pm – Early Years Stay and Play

Tuesday 14th/Thursday 16th November – Year 3/4 rescheduled parent consultations.

Friday 17th November – Children in Need fundraiser

Saturday 18th November – Ambleside Lights

Thursday 23rd November, 3:30pm – 6pm – Open Evening

2nd/3rd December – Junior choir at Rydal Mount (time to be confirmed)

***Friday 8th December** – dress down day for Christmas Fair chocolate donations.

Tuesday 12th December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity, 2pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas dinner in school and Christmas jumper day

***Friday 15th December** – Christmas Fair, 3:30pm

Monday 18th December – Carol Service, 2:30pm

Tuesday 19th December – Last day of term.

Wednesday 3rd January – Start of the Spring Term.