

# March



# Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely half-term week – the children were certainly ready for their break after a busy half-term. As you may have seen on our Facebook page, we started our new play curriculum last week and have worked on broadening the range of activities on offer to the children during breaktimes and lunchtimes. As some of the children's play might get a bit messy, we have had a 'welly wall' installed over half-term to house everyone's wellies. Every child has a numbered space on the welly wall and put their school shoes on it when they are outside in their wellies. We have also provided every child with a set of waterproofs to keep their uniforms as clean as possible. We are still in the very early stages of this (and the weather may be against us at some points this term) but we will be constantly reviewing what is working well for the children and looking to add extra activities and areas of the school grounds that we can open up for them. Through their school council representatives, the children will also have the opportunity to offer their thoughts and ideas for how we can keep improving breaktimes. Keep a look out on our Facebook page for our new 'Golden Welly' Award!

Mrs Broom, Headteacher

## Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1/2 Road Safety workshop

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 visit to the 'Easter Experience' at St Mary's Church, Windermere

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5/6 London residential

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – all classes, Outdoor Learning Workshops with the University of Cumbria

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

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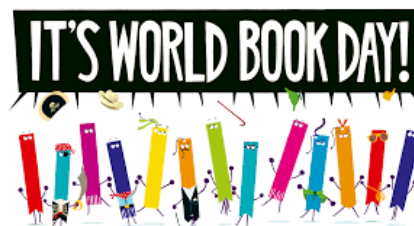
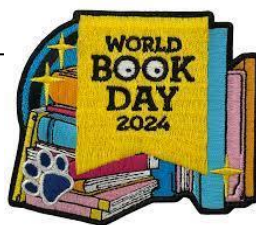
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Cross Country Event, Windermere School

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 5/6 Dance Platform at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of spring term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School closed for pupils

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – start of summer term



## World Book Day

World Book Day is almost upon us again and will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We have decided to ask children to either wear fancy dress and dress up as a book character or wear cosy clothes for the day. Some children love dressing up in fancy dress but we are very conscious of the pressure on parents that dressing up days create so we hope that, by giving families and children the choice, we can have an enjoyable day without passing on any stress to parents!

We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book on the day. This can be any kind of book (fiction book or a non-fiction book).

On World Book Day, each class will be visiting Fred's Bookshop in Ambleside where they will receive a free book. The free books are being generously donated by the book shop and will be in addition to their £1 World Book Day book token which they can spend at participating book stores.

The classes will also be involved in making their own books. Later in the day, we will be swapping the classes around to give children the opportunity to share their favourite books with each other and to share some of the books that they made earlier in the day.

## Unwanted Christmas Gifts

The Friends of Ambleside Primary are collecting any unwanted Christmas gifts that might be taking up space in your homes so that they can use them at future fundraising events. If you have any unwanted items, please leave them at the school office where they will be passed on to the Friends.

## Easter Bingo

The Friends are looking to organise an Easter Bingo on a Friday evening before Easter. The provisional date is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Details about the venue and time will be sent out once this has been arranged.

### Payments for Breakfast Club

The cost of our daily Breakfast Club remains at 60p per session. This enables us to cover the cost of purchasing food and drink for the club and for providing a member of staff to run the breakfast club. From the start of the summer term, we will be asking parents to use our online payment system to book and pay for breakfast club in advance. If you have not paid for your child's breakfast club recently, Mrs Firth will be contacting you with details about your outstanding balance.

From Tuesday 16th April, a register of children booked in for Breakfast Club will be printed to show who has paid. Should you need to bring your child at the last minute without booking/paying that will still be fine but you will be asked to pay in cash on the day at the school office.

*Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to the headteacher in person if you need to discuss this.*



### Ambleside Rushbearing 2024

This year's annual 'Rushbearing' celebrations will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

In preparation for this year's event, a meeting is being held to discuss preparations for this year and everyone with an interest in the 'Rushbearing' is very welcome to attend the meeting and everyone is welcome to get involved.

The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, upstairs in Zefferelli's.**

Help will be needed the week before, and on the day, to make this happy, traditional occasion run on oiled wheels – please come along and join in the fun!

If you don't know anything about the Rushbearing tradition in Ambleside, go to YouTube and watch the 7-minute movie made in the 1980s.

If you are not able to attend Tuesday's meeting but are interested in being involved (in any capacity, large or small) please let the school office know and we can pass on your details to the Rushbearing organisers.

**Our fantastic gymnasts from Key Stage 2!** Our gymnasts competed in a competition against other schools in the local area. The year 5 and 6 team have progressed to the next stage of the competition and will compete again against schools from across the South Lakes.



A few of our lunchtime activities. We are now using our wider school grounds most lunchtimes and won't be using our main playground as often.

More lunchtime activities.



Early Years enjoyed a trip to the fire station as part of their topic on 'Superheroes'.



In February, Key Stage 2 took part in Young Voices 2024 at the Manchester Arena. An amazing experience for everyone!

