

October



Newsletter

Our first half-term of this academic year seems to have flown past! School has been its usual hive of activity and we have welcomed lots of different visitors in during these past few weeks. These have included the local children's author Tom Palmer, members of the team from Impact International and members of the Kelsick Trust (who came in to share the story of John Kelsick on the 300th anniversary of his death and the creation of the Kelsick Trust). Your children have been working extremely hard and we wish you all a restful half-term when we get there at the end of the week!

Mrs Broom

Dates for Autumn 2

Start of the half-term - Monday 4th November
Monday 11th November – Remembrance Service,
2pm at the school memorial outside Kiddiwinks
Nursery (everyone welcome)

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Saturday 16th November – Ambleside Lights
December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper
day – Date TBC

Friday 13th December - Christmas Fair

Tuesday 17th December - Early Years and KS1 Nativity
in school 2:00 pm

Thursday 19th December - Carol service in church for
all year groups, 2:30pm (everyone welcome)

Friday 20th December - Christmas parties for all
classes

Friday 20th END OF AUTUMN TERM

Harvest Service – Thursday 24th October 2:30pm

Our annual Harvest Service will take place in St Mary's Church, Ambleside this coming Thursday and friends and family are all invited to join us.

Each of the classes have been practising something for the service and the children are looking forward to sharing their songs and readings with you.

We will be collecting non-perishable food as part of our Harvest celebrations which will be donated to the local foodbank later this week.

If you would like to donate something, the following foods would be gratefully received: dried pasta, dried rice, tinned food (such as soups, fish, meat, fruit), cereal, condiments.



Mrs Scott – maternity leave

Mrs Scott, who works as a teaching assistant across the school, will soon be starting her maternity leave. Her last day will be on Friday 25th October. We wish her all the best for a wonderful maternity leave with her new baby!

New attendance guidance

Further to the letter which was sent out to parents about the new Department for Education attendance guidance, could parents also be mindful of medical appointments at the hospital?

If your child is going to be absent from school because of a hospital appointment, please could a copy of your appointment letter/message be sent to school so that the absence can be authorised? A paper copy or a photo/screenshot with details of the appointment should be emailed to admin@ambleside.cumbria.sch.uk or brought in person to the school office.

Remembrance Service – Monday 11th November 2:00pm

Our Service of Remembrance will take place outside Kiddiwinks Nursery at the school memorial. We will be joined by representatives of the Royal British Legion and Reverend Jane Nattrass will lead the service.

If you would like to buy a poppy for this year's Remembrance events, we have poppies available at the school office. If you would like one before half-term for yourself or your child, please feel free to come in and get one. We will take the box of poppies around the classrooms after half-term.



Instrumental Tuition

In addition to whole class music lessons, we continue to provide 1:1 instrumental tuition for both piano and guitar.

If you would like your child to learn either the piano or the guitar, please contact Mrs Firth at the school office for details. Lessons are charged at £13 for a half-hour lesson with payment made at the start of the half-term.

After School Clubs – Autumn 2

A letter was sent out last week about the after-school clubs on offer next half-term. Please could you let the office know before half-term if you wish for your child to attend one of the clubs? If we do not have many children signed up for a particular club, unfortunately, the club will have to be cancelled.

Mrs Firth will not be able to put a club on SchoPay until we have enough reply slips to make the club viable.

Hadrian's Wall and YMCA residentials

Please could you return a signed copy of the slip from the letters about the Year 3 and 4 residential to Hadrian's Wall and the Year 5 and 6 residential to the YMCA? We do not require payment for these trips at this moment in time but we do need signed permission slips to confirm whether you are happy for your child to attend so that we can confirm arrangements for the visits.

We will send out an extra copy of the letter to those who have not returned the slips. We also have spare copies at the school office that you can fill in.

PE Kits



We will be sending home everyone's PE kits at the end of the half-term on Friday. Please could parents double check their child's kit to see if they have the essential items?

Further information about our PE kit and the school uniform can be found on the school's website.



Year 5 and 6 visited the Parish Centre and met Francis and Kenza who read a story called 'Stepping Stones, A Refugee's Family's Journey'. They listened to this story in both English and Arabic and then did some artwork inspired by the story.



Key Stage 2 enjoyed a visit from children's author Tom Palmer. Tom answered lots of the children's questions about his job as an author before working in classes with the children. He taught them some fascinating facts about Cumbria during the Second World War which he had found out about through his research work for some of his children's books.



Teamwork! Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed an afternoon of team building activities with members of the team from Impact.



A huge THANKYOU to everyone who supported our coffee morning for McMillan Cancer Support. We raised £585 in cash donations on the day!



Year 1 and Early Years balance bike training.



Loughrigg Class explored the school woodland in their science lesson during their learning about autumn.



Wansfell Class enjoyed a campfire and smores for during their Forest Friday!



Loughrigg Class have been enjoying their weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Cobb.