



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

9th July 2024

Dear parents and carers.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. There are also some updates for this next academic year.

Staffing

As you know, Mrs. Graham leaves us for a job in a new school and we wish her every success. In terms of replacing Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Brazendale, who already works within the school, shall continue working with children but will also work as office administrator. This is a role she has completed previously at two other schools. Currently, we are advertising for a new teaching assistant to work 20hrs per week. This will include lunchtime cover, some classroom work and ASC allowing us to provide after-school care until 17:30. Please see the website for further job details. An update will be sent out as soon as we know more.

Piano

Over the last two years we have used the music service to provide children with one-to-one piano tuition. There are more children wishing to learn the piano this year, and our current teacher, Bea Marriott, cannot fulfill the requirement. Therefore, we have appointed a new piano teacher, Mrs. Wilkinson, to provide piano tuition. This will be priced at £10 per 30-minute individual session. Please can you re-confirm your wish to proceed/start with lessons ASAP via the admin email address? Thank you

Sleepover

This Friday, children that have returned their permission slips are joining us for a school sleepover from 18:00 until 08:30 the following morning. There will be a choice of burgers or sausages in a roll, salad and ice cream. Children will need pyjamas, sleeping bag and pillow. If you have a camping mat this will make the floor a little comfier! Weather permitting there will be lots of outdoor play, a movie and if we're lucky some sleep!

Forest School

Tomorrow is the last forest school of the year, and it will be class 1. Next year we are considering running the forest school in blocks rather than swapping between classes. This will allow children to build up skills progressively over time rather than leaving a gap between learning and supporting the learning planned within the classroom more.

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

We are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme**. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children to speak out if they are sad or worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

Children across the school (year 1 upwards) have taken part in an assembly and watched an age-appropriate film this will be followed up by workshops led by a NSPCC schools coordinator in autumn term.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

End of term celebrations

On Tuesday, 16 July at 17:30, all children from nursery upwards will be highlighting their musical talents learnt over the year. This will then be followed by the Talent Show. I appreciate this may be a late night for some of our younger children, so feel free to leave after the individual class performance. If you do not wish your child to attend, please let us know.

Whole school trip

This is on Wednesday, 17 July to the Sheepmount. We will be leaving as soon as possible after 9am to arrive for 09:30. We will return in time for normal school collection time. School will provide packed lunches for those children that normally have a cooked dinner. Children may come dressed in their PE kit and appropriate for the weather, for example, caps if sunny etc

Leavers Service

This is held in All Saint's Church at 13:30. All parents are invited to attend and children can go home after the service. School transport will collect children at 14:00.

Best wishes



Alison Dickinson
Head Teacher



Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.