



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

8th October 2024

Dear parents/ carers,

London Residential Class 3

Thank you to all parents that returned interest slips. I am pleased to confirm that our city residential for Class 3 in 2025 will be to London. Obviously, there is a lot of planning involved in these trips and we will need to know numbers going as soon as possible. Therefore, we will be holding an information meeting for all parents and children of class 3 on Friday, 18 October at 08:30. Please try to attend to allow an informed decision to be made about your child attending or not.

Swimming

Class 3 have 2 swimming sessions left before it is the turn of Class 2. Please can children in class 3 bring spare leggings or shorts and a t-shirt so that they can practice lifesaving skills next week?

Class 2 will start swimming on Monday, 4 November

Tom Palmer - author visit

Tom Palmer is the author of 51 books for children including a number of books about the war. Armistice Runner, set in Cumbria, has recently won 6 prizes including the national FCBG Children's Book Award. As class 3 are studying the war and our wish for children to continue their love for reading Tom will be visiting the class on Friday. A variety of books, written by Tom, will be available to buy on the day priced £6.50 and Tom will be happy to sign any the children wish to purchase or bring from home.

Earrings

There are a number of children who are coming to school on PE days with earrings. Please can children remove these at home before coming to school or be able to remove them independently? If earrings get caught in another child's clothes or skin, injury can occur both to the child wearing the earrings and the child in contact with the earrings. Six weeks is the recommended time for ears to heal after new piercings. Should taping need to be worn, it should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball) and applied before your child comes to school.

After school clubs

Thank you to all those who have supported the extended After School Club. Thursday is proving to be popular and there are at least 5 children staying at the club. The other days however are not proving to be popular and sadly, we cannot continue to offer the extended care on these days as we are making a huge financial loss to employ someone else and we cannot rely on teachers to cover these clubs when only contracted to work a 32.5 hour week. These changes will come into effect from Monday 4, November.

Kitchen Assistant

We are looking to appoint someone each day, from 11:30 - 12:30, to work alongside Mrs Bainbridge or Mrs Bowman in our kitchen to help organise the hall for lunches, serve the children and help tidy away. This is a paid position and subject to a full DBS check. Please enquire at the office for further information.

Car parking

I have been contacted by concerned individuals about the parking at the end of the school day. Please where possible avoid blocking the corners of junctions. I appreciate that school pick up is extremely busy however, please use available verges before the church to park up and walk. Thank you.

PTA Disco

To be held at school on Friday, 25 October at 5pm until 6:30pm - £2 admission per child.

October 2024

- 09– Forest Schools – Class 2
 - Water workshop Assembly
- 11 – Tom Palmer visit
- 14 – Swimming – Class 3
- 16 – Forest Schools – Class 2
- 18 – London Residential information meeting
- 21 – Swimming – Class 3
- 23 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
 - Forest Schools – Class 2
- 24 – Sports hall Athletics at Harraby - team selection from Year 5/6
- 25 - Bonfire and Halloween talk
- 25 – PTA Disco 5pm
 - **Break for half term**

November 2024

- 04 – Swimming – class 2
- 06 – Forest Schools- Class 3

Best wishes



Alison Dickinson
Head Teacher

Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.

