



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

14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' meetings, if you were unable to attend and wish to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher please arrange with the school office.

### **Staffing**

I'm pleased to welcome Mrs Holliday to the school team. Mrs Holliday will be teaching on a Monday afternoon in classes two and three. She'll be also used as our supply teacher as and when needed. Mrs Holliday has numerous years of experience working in the primary sector and will be a great asset to the team.

### **Audiology**

Children in reception will receive an audiology check on Tuesday morning, 19 November.

### **Bolton Fell Moss**

Children in class two will need appropriate clothing to match the weather for their trip on Wednesday. School will provide a packed lunch for those who have a school dinner. Please could those who bring their own packed lunch ensure that it is in a disposable bag.

### **Carlisle Military Museum**

Class three will be visiting Carlisle Military Museum on Friday, 22 November. School will provide a packed lunch for those who have a school dinner. Please could those who bring their own packed lunch ensure that it is in a disposable bag.

### **Christmas Theatre show**

Children in years one two and three will be visiting a Christmas theatre show at Caldbeck Parish Hall on Tuesday, 26 November. This is being funded by local supporters of 4Front Theatre.

### **Eco Club**

As a school we have made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here:

<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

We are going to start an Eco club for those children that are interested. The club will be held fortnightly at 08:15 (for those children who have younger siblings breakfast club will be available free of charge) if your child has expressed an interest a separate letter will follow with the dates for the spring term. The first is Wednesday, 27 November.

### **Gaitsgill Christmas fayre**

Our local community support the school greatly with the numerous events that we hold and helping out within school. There is a Christmas fayre being held on Saturday, 30 November from 10 am to 12 pm in Primrose Hall, Gaitsgill. As a school, we are asking the children to wear non-uniform on Friday, 29 November. In return for wearing non-uniform we ask that all children bring a bottle of some sort for their tombola. The tombola will help raise money at the fayre for church funds.

### **PTA**

Thank you to those parents that supported the PTA race night last Friday. The PTA helps support the purchase of equipment in school that is ordinarily too expensive, for example, each child having their own iPad to use. It would be

great to have more families attend the events the PTA arrange to enable these resources to continue being supported. Parental support is always welcomed in the school and if you feel able to offer help in anyway please let us know. Thanks go to Mr Blaylock for recently fixing our outdoor climbing equipment saving the school a huge amount of money!

### **London Trip - Class 3**

Plans for the trip to London are well underway and I can now confirm the arrangements for the week. It would be nice to share these plans in person with you on Friday, 29 November at 08:30.

### **Future dates:**

#### **November 2024**

- 18 – Tullie House visiting Class 3
- 20 – Visit to Bolton Fell Moss – Class 2
- 22 – Visit to Carlisle Military Museum – Class 3
- 26 – Y1,2,3 Christmas theatre show at Caldbeck Parish Hall
- 29 – London Talk – class 3
  - Non-uniform day
  - Puppet assembly

#### **December 2024**

- 02 – Class 2 Fieldwork in Dalston after swimming
- 06 – Library book bus visit
  - Cross country at Lime House selected children from years 3 – 6
  - Mini me yoga – Reception and Class 1
- 07 - PTA Wreath making
- 11 – Jungle Book @ Theatre by the Lake – Class 2 and 3
- 16 – Helen Haraldsen Author visit – Class 3
- 18 – Whole school performance 10am and 5.30pm
- 19 – Christmas dinner
- 20 - Christmas party and party lunch
  - End of term service

#### **January 2025**

- 07- Term starts

Best wishes



Alison Dickinson

Head Teacher



**Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.**