

11th March 2016

Dear Families,

Thank you for being supportive with last week's school closure. It was a difficult one to call but as it was still snowing on ungritted roads at 7:30am, when the decision had to be made, it was felt to not be worth the risk. I hope the children got the chance to experience the snow before it melted.

It is a busy week with lots on next week and a few unavoidable changes to the timetable!

Coins for the Queen's 90th birthday/ Queen's Birthday Party

The Parish council have kindly offered to purchase a commemorative coin for all the children in school (including nursery). The coins come in a protective presentation case.

If you would like to order extra coins for older children/family members they are available at a cost of £3 per coin. Please fill in the attached slip and send back with the money and we will ensure they are ordered. We need this returning by Friday 18th March as the coins need to be ordered. There is 1 available to view in the office if you would like to see it.

To celebrate we will be holding a birthday party for the Queen on Friday 29th April and will present the medals at the end. More details to follow but be saving that red, white and blue clothing!

Secondary schools

All our Y6 children got into their 1st choice of Secondary School and are excited to start the next stage of their school careers at the following schools:

Ellie, Joshua and Jonathan - Ripley St Thomas; Grace - Lancaster Girl's Grammar

We hope they are very happy in their new schools and can now relax and enjoy their remaining time in Primary Schools.

Inter Schools Gymnastic Competition - Thursday 17th March 3:45-5:30pm

The following pairs will be competing:

Ellie and Ruby

Camellia and Sophie

Olivia F and Olivia A

Jasper and Libby

Adam and Olivia S

We will be hiring pair leotards for the event from City of Lancaster gymnastics club. Please could parents pick up the children competing from the university swimming baths at 3:10pm and take them to Willow Lane School. I will be attending the

competition but have a meeting just before it so I cannot collect all the children from the swimming baths. If there is a problem please let me know and I will try to sort something out.

Music Festival - Monday 14th March 7pm Lancaster Town Hall

We have got some extra tickets/programmes but they all need to be purchased before the evening. Please let us know if you need tickets. We will give out the tickets on Monday and they need to be taken on the evening. I will meet the children in the foyer at 6:40pm.

Sport Relief Mile-Friday 18th March

We will be running a Sport Relief Mile down Lea Drive. Please could children wear sporty clothes with a suggested donation of £1 per child.

Mosque Visit Wed 6th April pm

As part of their work in religious studies children will be visiting the Mosque on Dallas Rd in Lancaster. They will return to school for 3:30pm.

West End School to visit from Morecambe

The Student Council from West End School are visiting our school on 1st April. Rob Foster has kindly offered to do work on the local area with both schools so we look forward to welcoming them.

Easter Egg Hunt

Tizzie Entwistle has very kindly offered to let us use Higher Lee again for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on Thursday 24th March in the morning and will be open to all children from Nursery to Y6. If any toddlers and their families would like to join in please meet us at Higher Lee at 10am. Any Nursery children who don't usually come on Thursdays are welcome to either meet us there or come to school on that morning.

Swimming

The last swimming of the term will now be on Thursday 17th March (next week) and then we will not be swimming again until 28th April!

Last week of term Mon-4th- Wed 6th April

Tues 5th April- Awards Assembly 2:30pm all welcome

Wed am- PE, Wed pm Mosque Trip (Lancaster) school closes at 3:30pm

Orienteering – Friday 18th March pm Y4

Children in Y4 will be taking part in an Orienteering event at Ellet St. John's on in the afternoon they will return to school for the end of the day. They can wear the Sport Relief clothes they will already have on.

Cawthorne's Endowed Ski Team

I enclose a report from Mrs Harrison on the Ski Team's Event.

Cawthorne's Ski Team positioned, overall, 21st out of 29 teams (Infants up to sixth form teams)
An absolutely brilliant result for the team's first event.
Some of the teams were absolutely huge (in size and in terms of team members!)

The head to head races were very exciting and there was a lot of screaming from spectators who were also getting very excited!

All three children really pulled out some exceptional performances. They were wonderfully supportive and each won quite a few of their races.



Grace had a moment where she lost her ski in the start gate! By the time she had got it back on the other racer (a year 7 boy) was a considerable distance down the course. Everyone thought it was over while she was getting her ski back on. To all spectators amazement (and our's), she rocketed down the course to catch up with and then beat the boy! It was a truly epic chase. We were all hopping up and down and shouting when we realised she was going for the chase. It's the fastest and technically most perfect run I have ever seen from Grace. I think she would have liked to have had a run as good as that on her individual runs. Her competitor was really shocked when she flew past him at the second to last gate!

Michael's runs just got faster and faster as his confidence built over the day. It's not easy entering these events with huge numbers of racers, as your first ever race. He did so well. His technique also improved vastly throughout the day. He really gave it his all. I'm sure Michael enjoyed his head to head runs as much as the others. I could see his competitive spirit come out. A massive well done for Michael. Truly exceptional performance despite having never

raced before and not having skied for a year or so before (only a couple of practice sessions in the 2 weeks prior to the race). He also coped with the dry slope very well (a challenging and frightening surface to get used to if you have only ever skied on snow before). He didn't fall once and didn't miss a slalom gate in the entire day!

Christopher enjoyed his return to skiing more than I had expected! He has concentrated exclusively on snowboarding over the last year. He wasn't sure (neither were we!) if he could remember what to do! He did though, much to everyone's relief. In fact he had improved an absolutely huge amount since the last time he raced on skis (which will have been January 2015). He was riding the edges of the skis very well which he never used to do. He even adopted the racing tuck position at the final few gates of each run! It's the most enjoyment he has ever had on skis (he informed me of this after the event!). I think he was impressed with his times and position on the individual runs. He also enjoyed the head to head races and pushed harder each race.

Michael, Chris & Grace represented their school very well. They showed great sportsmanship. They cheered for other teams and always congratulated any racers that they beat, in the head to head races. They were polite and sociable to all of the competitors, race officials and spectators. They behaved really well, listened to all instructions (and there were a lot especially about using the start gates and timing wands) and followed them to the letter (and first time, every time)

Thanks to Mrs Harrison for organising it and providing fantastic hoodies. Hopefully it is the first of many events.

Spellings

Next week's spelling test will be on week 3 words

Mrs Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 14th March - Badminton club - 4:30pm

Mon 14th March- Music Festival Y1/2 Ashton Hall 7pm

Tues 15th March - Easter club 4:30pm

Wed 16th March - Gymnastics club- 4:30pm

Thurs 17th March - Emmett's Club- 4:30pm

Thurs 17th March - Gym competition inter schools Willow lane 3:45-5:30pm

Fri 18th March- Sport Relief Mile 9:30am

Fri 18th March - Orienteering Ellel Y4 1:15-3:30pm

Fri 18th March - Family Assembly - Sport Relief Mile -student council- all welcome

Future Diary Dates

Thurs 24th March - Easter Egg Hunt - Higher Lee 10:00am

Fri 25th March- Good Friday- Bank Holiday

Mon 28th March - Easter Monday - Bank Holiday

Fri 1st April - West End school to visit for the day

Tues 5th April - Awards Assembly - 2:30pm

Wed 6th April - 9:30am Y6 heights and weight, Rec- Vision, heights and weights

Wed 6th April- Mosque visit pm

Wed 6th April - School closes for the Easter Holiday 3:30pm

Fri 29th April - Queen's Birthday Party pm

Mon 9th- Thurs 12th May - SAT's week

Thurs 19th May- Online Safety for parents/carers/ community members 7:30-9pm

I would like to order coins for the Queen's 90th Birthday at £3 each.

I enclose £.....

Signed.....

