



CAWTHORNE'S ENDOWED SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy week in school and lovely to see all the children back.

Work to be covered this Half Term:

Foundation Stage (Nursery/Reception)

Reception English - Read, write inc

Maths - Maths Enhancement Programme

Topic - Colour

PE - Dance/Swimming

KS1 (Year1/2)

English - Read, Write inc./Spelling/English Skills

Maths - Maths Enhancement Programme, Key Skills and Minute Maths

Science - Animals including Humans, Nature Diaries

Topic - Families and Neighbours

RE - Harvest

PE - Dance/Swimming

Chinese/French - Greetings/counting/colours

KS2 (Year 3-6)

English - Language and Literacy, Haydn Richards, Spelling

Maths - Maths Enhancement Programme, Key Skills and Minute Maths Y6 - all this + 3rd Space individual Maths Tuition

Science LJ - Living Things UJ - Animals including Humans

Topic (History/Geography) - Anglo Saxons

RE - Harvest

PE - Dance/Swimming

Chinese/ French - Greetings/family members/colour/numbers to 60/ dates



Spellings

As mentioned in last year's letters a focus for this year is spelling. We had gone away from having spelling lists for children to learn each week as they tend to learn them for that week then forget them but what we now see is that there is a large gap (we assess children's spelling age) between children who can spell really well and those who struggle to remember spellings. Children learn their letter sounds well and can apply them but struggle to remember which sound to use in the spelling (eg pair or pear). We plan to do lots in class to address this but part of the strategy is learning words at home.

Most children have been given the words for their age group. Y1 children may not all have lists as some are not yet ready for them and will gradually be introduced.

This week's test was a practise to get used to it. Well done to all those children (and parents!) who got 10/10 - there were quite a few. As they only got the words on Monday and didn't have a weekend to practise we have decided they will have another week with the same words. Thank you for your co-operation. If your child is really struggling with the spellings we can move them to a different year group's spellings but we wanted to give them a chance to do their own year group first.

School Advisor Visit

Our School Advisor visited this week to write an annual summary of the school's progress.

She was really impressed with children's progress.

She also asked whether parents understood that the full range of 'normal' children (ie not just the most academic or just those with Special Educational needs) but EVERY CHILD over their time in the school makes **exceptional** progress from their starting point. She said this is very unusual. I said I would pass this on in the school newsletter.

This is achieved by careful assessment of the children's level of development and maturity and placing them in a group where they can develop at the appropriate rate for them at that time. A child who is not ready will not achieve with work they do not understand. If work is too easy a child will lose motivation and be bored. We always aim for a careful balance. We frequently move children between groups when we feel they are ready.

If you have any concerns at any time about your child's progress please come in and see us.

Pupil Data Sheets

Attached to this newsletter are data sheets for each pupil. Please could you check the details (and amend if necessary), sign and return to the office. Thank you.

Items Needed:

Old magazines, kitchen roll tubes, umbrellas for Reception children which will be kept in school to be used on a rainy day and then returned home.

Y1-Y6 to bring in a packet of food from a different country for Wednesday for their RE work on Harvest.

Y1/2 children to bring in a family photograph as part of their work on families and fill in the family tree chart (to be given on Friday).

We will be supporting the Bishop's Appeal - stopping poverty - and are making a collection of foodstuff for the Homeless Shelter. Please could children bring in an item of food with a long shelf life for the collection.

Thank you!

Fashion Show

Helen Foster is organising a fashion show and sale for the village hall on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm. The clothing is all High Street Brands Sizes 8-20 WITH UP TO 50% to 75% off RRP. Tickets cost £5 each with a free glass of fizz (or a soft drink) and are available from Helen, Sarah Pye or Kim Barrow. Thanks.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival at Over Wyresdale Church is on 4th October. As part of their work in RE, Junior children will be doing a Family Assembly on 2nd October.

Sponsor form

Hannah Longton is having her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust in October. If you would like to sponsor her there is a form in the office.

Yours truly,

Mrs Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 14th Sept- Sports club- 4:30pm

Tues 15th Sept - Board Games Club - 4:30pm

Wed 16th Sept - Gymnastics Club - 4:30pm pick up from Village Hall

Thurs 17th Sept - Swimming starts

Thurs 17th Sept - Emmett's Club pick up from Village Hall

Fri 18th Sept- Family Assembly 3:15pm Y6 Celebration of work - All welcome

Future Diary Dates

Fri 16th Oct Clitheroe Castle Trip - KS2 12-3:30pm

Tues 20th Oct - Fire Service Talk 1pm Y2/6

Tues 20th Oct - Fashion Show - Over Wyresdale Parish Hall - 7.30pm

Fri 23rd Oct - Last day of Half term.

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct- Half term break