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November 2019

School Meals

Unfortunately, we are increasing the cost of school meals to £2.50 a day (£12.50 a week) (for Key Stage 2 and Nursery) from Monday 2nd December as we need to cover costs of producing the meals. The costs will be altered on Lunch Shop.

Can I also remind the parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are free to your children through the government-subsidised 'Universal School Meals' scheme. If you would like any further details and/or would like a reminder of your Lunch Shop login details to order online, please contact the school office who will be able to help.

Governor Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for **partnership governors**. If you know anyone who might be interested, please do ask them to get in touch with the clerk to the governors clerk@askam.cumbria.sch.uk by Friday 15th November.

Partnership governors are appointed by the governing body after seeking nominations from parents and others in the community.

There are some disqualifications which apply to this post. They cannot be:

- Parent of a registered child at the school
- Anyone eligible to be a staff governor
- Elected members of the LA
- Anyone employed by the LA in connection with their education functions
- Registered pupils at the school

We also have vacancies for **parent governors** and you should have received information about this via e-mail. If you haven't, please contact the school office or the clerk to governors clerk@askam.cumbria.sch.uk

We are looking for governors with skills/expertise in finance, health and safety, safeguarding or buildings if at all possible.

Children in Need

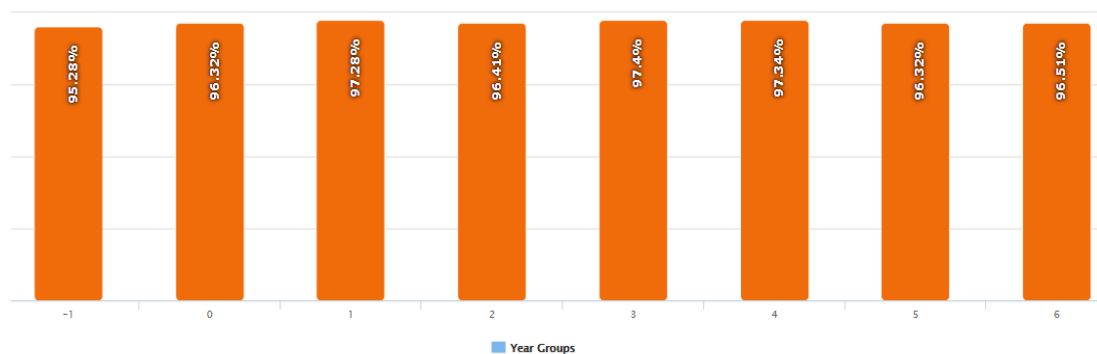
As you will have noticed from the dates list, it is Children in Need on Friday 15th November. This year we would like to give the children the opportunity to come dressed in non-uniform (Pudsey related/red, yellow or spotty where possible) for a donation of 50p.

We are also giving the children the opportunity to ice and decorate a fairy cake on the 15th for an additional donation of 50p. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.



Attendance

I'm sure you'll agree good attendance at school does matter. The national percentage for primary school attendance is 96%. Nearly all our classes achieved this as you can see from the graph below. Overall school attendance is currently 97%; well done, keep up the good work. The classes with the highest attendance percentages are Year 1 with 97.28% and Year 4 with 97.34%.



Reading Stars

Last Friday, 'Floppy the Owl' was awarded to Year 5 as they had the highest percentage of children reading at least 4 times a week (100%). It is hugely important that children spend time regularly reading both at home and school, thank you for your support with this.

PTA Christmas Raffle

Once again the PTA will be having our annual Christmas Hamper raffle and to do this we need help with donations of the following items:

Any sort of food to be enjoyed at Christmas, e.g. biscuits, crackers, Christmas pudding, chutney, chocolates, wine etc. any items towards a Christmas party, toys, games, gift sets, toiletries etc.

PTA members will be collecting items outside the Nursery and KS1 entrances at 9am and 3pm every day from 2nd December.

Raffle tickets will be sent home for you to sell, then the raffle will be drawn on the evening of **Wednesday 11th December**.

Best Wishes,

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Mrs. Fiona Newton
Headteacher

This half-term is always a busy one for us in school. I hope you find the dates list on the next page useful.



Dates for the Autumn Term (2) 2019

Friday 8 th November	Year 3 & 4 Hockey competition @ Dowdales
Tuesday 12 th November	Library Bus 9.45am – 11.30am
Wednesday 13 th November	Sports-Hall Athletics Final - Year 5/6
Thursday 14 th November	Swimming Week 9
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 21 st November	Swimming Week 10
Friday 22 nd November	1.15-3.15pm KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics DASH
Thursday 28 th November	Year 6 Boys football – Pulse
Friday 6 th December	Year 6 Furness College Taster Day
Tuesday 10 th December	Key Stage 1 Performances 10am and 6pm
Wednesday 11 th December	2.30pm Choir to Sisterhood
	6pm Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – parents
Thursday 12 th December	2pm Community Christmas
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Week beg. 16 th December	Christmas Parties this week, further details to follow
Friday 20 th December	Non-uniform, break up at 2pm for Christmas holidays

