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## **OCTOBER 2019**

### **Miss Shaw - Welcome**

I would like to welcome Miss Shaw to the teaching staff; she will be teaching Year 5 on a Monday morning and Helvellyn class (Year 4/5) on a Monday and Friday afternoons. I'm sure she will be made to feel welcome by everyone.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

We have subscribed as a school to 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. Times tables are key to many aspects of mathematics as children progress through school, and as such, it is vital children learn them by heart. Every child in Years 2 to 6 has an account, their usernames and passwords are stuck inside their homework books. Please encourage them to practise their tables using this programme, as well as any other method. The national curriculum expectation is that children know their times tables (and associated division facts) by the end of Year 4.



### **Storytellers**

As part of Black History Month, we have organised a 'Chinese' Storyteller to come into school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a whole school assembly to start and then the storyteller have sessions with various classes throughout the day. The sessions will also include looking at artefacts and Chinese brush painting.

The Storyteller will also have two books available to buy at the special price of £5 each. If you would like to purchase one of these books please could you send the money in on the day.

### **Playground equipment**



Most of the new playground equipment has been installed. However, due to the rain towards the end of the half-term holiday, we need to wait for the soft safety surface. We expect this to happen this week and then the children can use the climbing frame. How exciting!

### **Open Morning**

We are having an Open Morning this week for the parents of prospective new children to Nursery and Reception. It is on Wednesday morning from 9.30am till 11.30am.

### **September Reception Class Places**

For any child wishing to join our Reception class in September 2020, the closing date for applications is **15th January 2020**. This is for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016. If you know of any



other families who may be interested in a place in our Reception class in September 2020, could you please alert them to this date and also to our Open Morning.

### **Nursery Class Places – January and April**

We have 8 children starting our Nursery in January 2020. However, we still have some places available for January and April 2020, as we haven't reached our maximum number yet, but we will be very close to it soon. Please come and ask for more information at the school office.

### **The Giving Machine**

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Best Wishes,

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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

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to school
	Year 6 Cyclewise this week
	9.30am Reception hearing checks
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Storyteller in school, working with children in Years 1 to 6
	Open Morning for parents of prospective Nursery and Reception children 9.30am – 11.30am
	Year 3 & 4 Athletics 1-3pm at Furness Academy
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Swimming Week 7 Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 6
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Week 8
	Year 6 Boys football – Pulse
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 & 4 Hockey competition @ Dowdales
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Library Bus 9.45am – 11.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Sports-hall Athletics Final - Year 5/6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming Week 9
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Swimming Week 10
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	1.15-3.15pm KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics DASH
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Boys football – Pulse
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Furness College Taster Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Performances 10am and 6pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Choir to Sisterhood
	6pm Key Stage 2 Christmas performance – parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm Community Christmas
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Week beg. 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties this week, further details to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform, break up 2pm for Christmas holidays

Please see next page for a handy year planner and term dates.



September 2019 to July 2020

Academic Year Planner 2019-2020

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T
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