

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

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Newsletter December 2022

Dear Askam families,

Meals

Currently we have a contract with Orian who provide our school meals. From January we will be taking this in house. We are looking forward to planning and choosing our own menus going forwards and involving the children in this too.

Moving away from Orian does mean we will no longer be using Lunchshop to book meals and pay for other items such as Breakfast/Afterschool Club and trips. We are moving over to an app called 'Schoolcomms' which is part of ParentPay. Some parents/carers will be familiar with ParentPay as Dowdales use this. Further information will follow over the coming weeks. Please try to ensure any outstanding payments are up to date by the end of December and any credit is used.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner, Friday 9th December, is available to order via Lunchshop.

Christmas Performances

We do still have some tickets left for the KS2 performances this week and a handful for the afternoon performance for EYFS/KS1. Please pop to the office if you would like any more, there are now no restrictions on the number of tickets per child/family. Please remember to bring tickets with you to the performances.

Please can I request that if pre-school age children are coming to watch they come to the afternoon performance rather than the evening, thank you.

Christmas Cards

There is a post-box by the computer area for children to post Christmas cards to other children in our school. Collections will begin on Monday 5th December and will continue until we break up for Christmas. Year Six will sort out the cards each day and deliver them to the correct class.

To help Year Six, the children should ensure that names are written clearly on the front of the card, including a surname if there is more than one child with that name. In addition to this, please can the year-group be written (e.g. Year 2).

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties in school are to be held week beginning 12th December. A separate letter, with return slip, has been given to children to bring home. Please could I ask parents/carers return this as soon as you can – thank you.

Mrs. Patterson – returning from maternity leave.

Mrs. Patterson will be returning from maternity leave on 19th December to teach Year 1. She has already been in school recently and we are looking forward to seeing more of her in school during December as she gets to know Year 1.

For the first few weeks in January, Mrs. Patterson and Miss Anderson will be sharing the teaching responsibility before Mrs. Patterson takes over full-time. Miss Anderson will move to share the teaching of Year 2 alongside Mrs. McCormick.



Cleaning Vacancy – permanent

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner for 7.5 hours a week for 1.5 hours a day (this could be 7.30am - 9am, 3pm - 4.30pm or 4.30pm - 6pm, term time only, Monday to Friday. Applications packs are available from the school office either in person or via e-mail.

Relief Midday Supervisors - cover

If anyone is interested in being a relief midday supervisor please could you contact the school office for more information. This is to cover for midday supervisors if they are absent – thank you.

Askam Village School PTA

Our PTA have set up an account which you can use when shopping on Amazon. AmazonSmile will donate to Askam Village School PTA. This free to use and doesn't cost you anything but could help raise extra money for school.

Scarlet Fever – Notice from Cumbria County Council

Please see below information from Cumbria County Council about Scarlet Fever.

We are continuing to see settings reporting confirmed and suspected cases of scarlet fever. This reflects the trend nationally, where we are seeing unseasonably high levels of the illness.

What is it? - Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness caused by bacteria that occurs most often in the winter and spring. Symptoms include a high temperature, rash, sore throat, flushed cheeks, and swollen tongue. Scarlet fever is highly contagious and is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria.

For a detailed description of scarlet fever symptoms (including photos) visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Please find dates below I hope parents/carers will find useful.

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL **DATES 2022-2023**

Tuesday 6 th December 2022	PM – Year 3/4 athletics – separate information has already been sent out to the parents of those children involved
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	AM – Year 5/6 athletics - separate information has already been sent out to the parents of those children involved
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	2pm and 6pm KS2 Christmas Performances
Thursday 8 th December 2022	2pm and 6pm KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 9 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Friday 9 th December 2022	PM – Year 5/6 athletics - separate information already sent out.
Week beg 12 th December 2022	Christmas Party Week – separate information already sent out.
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Christmas Performance for older members of community 2pm
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Break up for Christmas 2pm, non-uniform 50p
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Children back to school
Monday 9 th – Wednesday 11 th January 2023	Year 4/5 Residential trip to Robinwood
Thursday 12 th January 2023	Years 3 & 4 to start 10 weeks of swimming – more info to follow

