

ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

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Newsletter September 2022 Back to School

Dear Askam families,

I hope you have all been able to enjoy some time together having fun and making memories over the summer holidays. We are looking forward to the children returning to school on Wednesday morning.

There is always lots to write about in the first newsletter home at the start of term, and I hope you find the information useful.

Lots Road will be closed this week due to drainage work 5th – 9th September 2022. There is still access for school staff and to houses.

Lots Road – end of School Streets Initiative

Some parents/carers will already be aware that following the trial of the School Streets initiative, it was decided not to make the road closure permanent. Therefore, **Lots Road will once again be open to all traffic at all times including drop off and pick up times. I expect the road to be open after 9th September.**

Please can I ask all parents/carers to talk to their children about this and the importance of walking on the pavement to and from school. I will also talk to the children in assembly to remind them too.

You will also probably be aware Ireleth Road is due to be temporarily closed with traffic being diverted – see below which may impact on some journeys to and from school.

CRW Cumbria Road Watch
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🚫 Ireleth Road (Askam In Furness) 🚫

Planned Network Rail closure on #IrelethRoad in #AskamInFurness, this will be in place from 2315hrs on the 6th September to 2359hrs on the 8th September.

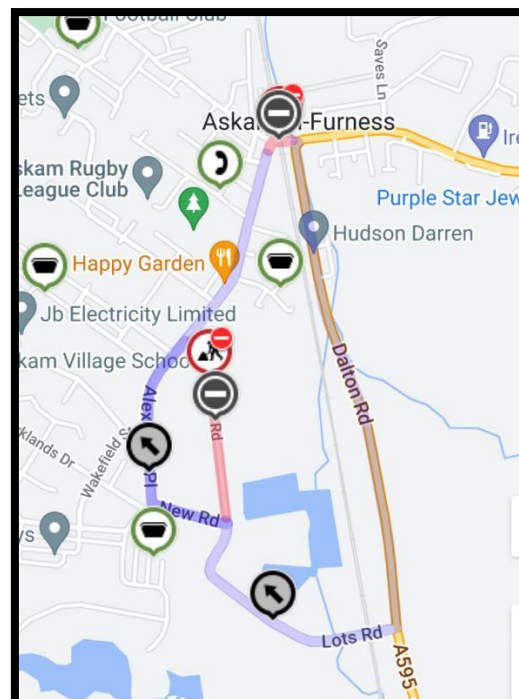
During this no access will be given, A diversion has been established.

Diversion: Via U6011 Duke Street, U6315 Alexander Place, U6107 New Road and Lots Road, A593 Dalton Road.

A way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times.

Further Information: <https://one.network/?tm=129090318>

Posted 31/08/22.



Askambury Donation

A big 'thank you' to the organisers of Askambury for their **generous donation of £500** to the school. This year we are looking forward to upgrading the computers in our suite and this money will go towards this project.

Office Staff

Mrs. James now has the role of Office Manager at school. She will be joined part-time by Miss. Kirsty Hetherington. We are delighted Miss Hetherington is joining us this September and I'm sure it won't be long before families meet her in the office/speak to her on the phone if you haven't already.

Reading Stars

We have for a number of years now had an initiative in place to encourage children to read at home as well as school and this will continue this year with a separate letter being sent home to parents/carers containing all the information about this.

Each week, children receive a sticker on their bookmark if they have read 4 times at home for at least 10 minutes each time. Over the year children receive various rewards in recognition of their efforts and achievements. These rewards include pencils, badges and medals.

For those children achieving 100% of the stickers they also receive additional recognition. In 2021-2022, 28 children from Reception to Year 5 managed to achieve this and it is certainly worth celebrating and as such for those children (and 21 children who only missed a week) we are organising a visit to the cinema in September. Once final arrangements have been made with the coach company and the cinema we will text the parents/carers of those children to let you know.

Sportsmark Gold

It's lovely to be able to share the great news we have again been awarded Sportsmark Gold for 2021-2022. This award recognises both the wide range of opportunities available and also the number of children who have been involved.

A huge thank you must go to Mr. Cairns and Mrs. Crossley in applying for the award, and also providing the children with so many different and wide-ranging opportunities.

I know Mr. Cairns has been very pleased to be able to attend so many sporting events again. We look forward to this continuing again in the year ahead.

Finally, we value our close links we have with our families and want very much for this to continue. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have any worries, questions or concerns. Next week parents/carers will be receiving a letter from your child's new class teacher/s with information about their new class. We also have an early parental consultation booked in for the beginning of October but please do contact us before then if you need to.

We are back on the main school telephone number 01229 462814. Alternatively, parents/carers can contact the school office via e-mail office@askam.cumbria.sch.uk

Best wishes,



Mrs. Fiona Newton
Headteacher

On the following page I have included some of the dates we already have booked in for the autumn term which I hope parents/carers will find useful for planning. Further information for events will be sent home nearer to the time.



ASKAM VILLAGE SCHOOL
DATES 2022-2023

Monday 5th September 2022	Staff INSET
Tuesday 6th September 2022	Staff INSET
Wednesday 7th September 2022	Children return to school (this may be different for children new to Nursery but parents/carers will have had this information).
Thursday 15th September 2022	First swimming for Years 5 and 6
Thursday 22nd September 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 2
Thursday 29th September 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 3
Friday 30th September 2022	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Week beginning 3rd October 2022	Parent Consultations this week
Tuesday 4th October 2022	School Photographs
Thursday 6th October 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 4
Thursday 13th October 2022	Swimming Year 5 and 6 Week 5
Wednesday 19th October 2022	Harvest 2pm
Thursday 20th October 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 6
Mon 23rd October to Fri 27th October 2022	Half-term
Thursday 3rd November 2022	Swimming Year 5 and 6 Week 7
Wednesday 9th November 2022	Open Morning – Nursery and Reception places 9.30-11.30am
Thursday 10th November 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 8
Thursday 17th November 2022	Swimming Years 5 and 6 Week 9
Friday 18th November 2022	Children in Need
Wednesday 23rd November 2022	Nasal Flu vaccinations Reception to Year 6
Thursday 24th November 2022	Final swimming for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 7th December 2022	2pm and 6pm KS2 Christmas Performances
Thursday 8th December 2022	2pm and 6pm KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 9th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Week beginning 12th December 2022	Christmas Party Week

