



Hermes – Our School Newsletter - Michaelmas Term



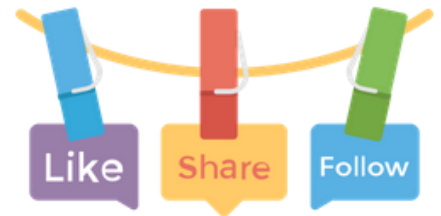
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Dear Parents

This week we have held our first interclass VIP assembly, celebrating our wonderful VIPs. As a result, we feel we are beginning to return to normality, even if this was a virtual collective worship.

I would like to welcome three teaching students in school who have begun their placements in the juniors. Mr McMorrow, Mr Blackburn are working in Year 5 and Mrs Foster in Year 3.

Next Tuesday, we will be celebrating European Languages Day, as we do each year. The children will come in Mufti and dress in the colours of the nation's flag they are studying. You will have received a letter via email this week. Children are asked to research their country in some way in preparation for this day to get the best from this special day.

Today I have walked around our school. It was a delight to see so much activity going on. Firstly, Nursery and Reception classes were out in the woods on such a wonderful day. It really was exciting to see them getting used to the space and having fun in their wellies.

As you walk through the school you begin to realise that Friday really dovetails all of the learning of the week together, from creative writing, spellings, maths, celebrating each other in collective worship and also enables the children to support each other. It was a perfect day for P.E. too!

Well done to all of the children who received certificates and those who were recognised for their hard work today! It was lovely to give out new Doodle Star Maths awards for the first time along with TT Rockstars certificates.

Kind regards,
Mr Jones



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Trust

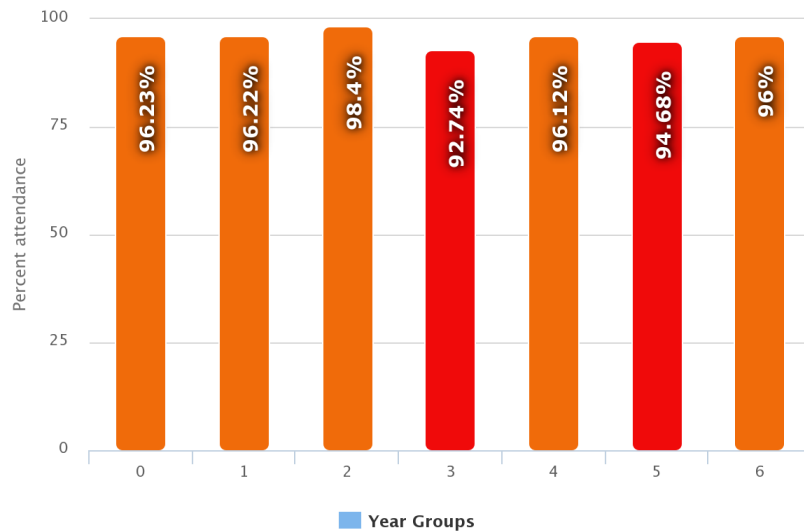
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Attendance



European Languages Day - Tuesday



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Italy		Scotland	Ireland
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
France	Greece	Spain	Belgium

Ear Piercing



Please note that children are required to take ear rings out for PE. They cannot be taped up. We always encourage ear piercing at the beginning of a summer break to allow healing to take place to enable easy removal.

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Teacher Training. We have begun to work with Ripley St Thomas Initial Teacher Training to provide quality teacher training. This year's cohort have already started – please find information via the link below.
<http://www.ripleyitt.co.uk/programme>

New COVID Advice from Barrow Borough Council

Whilst the below information does not currently apply to us, we thought you may appreciate this information, which has been sent to school today.

Increasing infection numbers prompts change in Public Health advice for Barrow schools

Following a concerning rise in the number in COVID-19 infection rate in the Barrow Borough Council area the Director of Public Health has issued new advice tonight.

General public guidance

There is already a legal limit of six on the number of people who can meet in groups indoors or outdoors.

In addition, in the Barrow Borough Council area people are now being **strongly advised** that groups of six should be limited to people from no more than 2 households at any one time.

This is to reduce the level of social contact between different people and reduce the risk of infection spreading. It will also help improve the effectiveness of local contact tracing efforts.

Guidance for hospitals, care homes and schools

Further to this public advice, additional measures are being advised in hospitals, care homes and schools. These are:

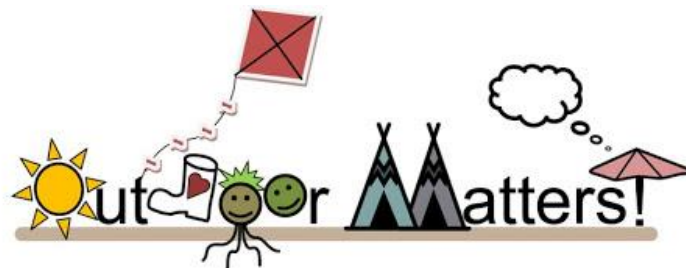
- **Visitor restrictions at Furness General Hospital (already in place)**
- **Visitor restrictions in care homes (from Monday) to minimise risk to vulnerable adults and people living with physical and/ or learning disabilities**
- **Restrictions on all non-essential visitors to schools (from Monday)**





Dear Parents - this year, like other schools, we will be unable to offer an open day to let prospective parents see our school in action. Many schools are beginning the process of making a film to share with parents. If you know someone to assist us in filming and editing a film for school, please get in touch with Mr Jones or Mr Bromley.

Outdoor Leadership Days – October 1st and 2nd



Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in Outdoor Learning Activities on these days. The event is usually a residential however this will not be the case this year. This is a superb opportunity to bond together as classes and get to know friends a little better. It is amazing how much you discover about yourself too! Letters have come out to all children this week.

"I'd like the world to slow down and eat cake together -"



"the slowing down bit is less important."

"Well hello"

