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End of Half Term Newsletter – Wk ending 19th October 2018

Staff and governors wanted to thank all families, pupils and community members for their ongoing support and help throughout this first half term.

We welcomed new pupils in a range of year groups and all our children made these new entrants feel very welcome from the outset, which should make us feel proud. We ensured learning was fun and motivational through our new Skills Based Topics Curriculum (remember *all details are on the School Website*) and pupils had opportunities to extend learning through visitors in school, trips and outdoor learning activities.

Our local Church / Village AND School Harvest Celebrations and Thanksgiving Events were well attended and you were very generous in donating foods to a local charity The Key , which supports young people locally who are experiencing life difficulties. Many thanks.

We have two new school governors: Mrs V. Gray (Parent Governor) and Mrs S. Armstrong (Staff Governor) this term too and we appreciate their commitment to the school.

New topics within our learning cycles next term are:

Reception / Key Stage One: Colour and Light

Key Stage Two: Settlements

REMEMBER our weekly Monday Superstar assembly at 9.10am – all welcome.

This year we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal as we have done in previous years.

Children can bring their donations into school between now and 11th November 2018.

As well as the traditional paper poppies there are also various stationery items, including, rulers, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners and reflective tags available.

We also have guess the name of the bear. £1 to have a guess and a chance to win a Royal British Legion bear.

Mrs Wright will be coordinating this appeal in the school office.



Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for the Diary

31st October: Deadline with Local Education authority to submit Year 6 pupil choice for Secondary School Admission – contact School Office if you need help here please.

2nd November: Halloween Party in school 2:00.p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 50p donation requested. School will provide food and drink. More details to follow in separate letter from the school council.

6th November: Nasal Flu Vaccines (*in school*) for Reception – Year 5 pupils.

29th November: Parents Evening (*details will follow with appointment slips nearer this date*).

Do look on our school Facebook page and website each week too – photographs and information are regularly posted that reflect and celebrate learning and achievements.

School Uniform

School uniform can now be ordered direct from our supplier at

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/GreatOrtonSchoolCA56NA>

Our Walking School Bus Scheme is now sponsored by a local village business and Cumbria Constabulary, in conjunction with the Active Travel To School National Scheme, for high vis pupil jackets and a Walking Bus Paddle. We are delighted. Can I please ask that all parents/grandparents collecting children, park on the large area of the car park towards the back of the hall. This will then leave the front area clear and safe for the children.

Our bus will resume as normal on the first day back after half term: Monday 29th October 2018.

A very big thank you from staff, governors, Great Orton Village Hall Committee, The Wellington Pub, Orton Parish Council and Cumbria Constabulary to ALL families using this scheme.

Pupil incentives and award certificates are being introduced this next half term.

Have a lovely week together over this autumn half term.

