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Weekly Curriculum Newsletter – Wk beginning 3rd December 2018
(Lunch Menu -Week 3)

We hope you have been enjoying the photographs posted on the website / facebook page this last week – learning is clearly proving fun for our children! Please feel free to comment on photographs – the pupils love hearing staff share them in class.

This week is School Assessment Week. All staff are working with your child to identify learning progression made since the start of the Autumn Term. Our Key Focus Assessment Booklets objectives will be used with individual pupils to discuss and identify where each child is in their learning journey. That information informs staff as to where / how individual children need to begin from next term so that planning and provision reflects pupil needs and / or extends challenge levels.

This Thursday afternoon, between 2 – 3.15pm in our school hall, the pupils extend an open invitation to family members to participate in a Christmas Craft session. These sessions are always fun, very creative and prove very popular with the children – they love YOU being part of it all. Please do try to come along for your child.

Many thanks to all parents who completed a Survey during Parents Evening. Parents of Class 3 pupils who have not had the opportunity to complete a survey please be assured your child is bringing a copy home today in a plain sealed envelope. Your views matter as active stakeholders in our school, so having a high return rate ensures your views and opinions are heard. Return is easy – ask your child to bring it into school and post in the anonymous returns box outside the Office door.

The Governing Body will feedback the results to you at the beginning of the Spring term.

As Christmas rushes towards us, daily time will be given to production practices. Scripts have been shared and so can children with speaking parts practice at home too please.

All classes are focussing on assessments and Christmas themed learning this week.



Walking Buses – the fit way to travel to school in a group!

Fantastic! Two schools have started up a Walking Bus this year; St Begh's Catholic Junior School, Whitehaven and Great Orton Primary School near Carlisle. Are you interested in doing the same? Then contact Nancy and she will help you out.

Here's what Mrs. [Name], Head Teacher for Great Orton Primary School had to say:-

'The scheme began on Monday 10th September 2018. The Active Travel team at Cumbria County Council kindly donated some high vis jackets, vests and umbrellas and we are very appreciative of the offer of further child high vis jackets by a local business based in the village. Staff, Governors and the vast majority of parents / guardians are using the service – the afternoon bus is used almost unanimously, and the morning bus numbers are increasing weekly too. Our nominated Police Constable, Graham Kirkpatrick, has led Road Awareness sessions with the children and these proved very popular and instructive.'



Children at Great Orton Primary School getting ready to walk

Fame at last !

Diary dates

- 6th December:** Christmas Craft afternoon - School Hall 2:00 pm – 3:15pm
- 11th December:** Christmas Service 2:00 p.m. – Parents welcome.
- 12th December:** Christmas Lunch in school.
- 13th December:** Walby Christmas Trip - Whole School Day
- 14th December:** W'Oscar Ceremony 2.45pm in School Hall
- 17th December:** Dress Rehearsal 1
- 18th December:** Dress Rehearsal 2
- 19th December:** Christmas Concert in Village Hall at 1:30 p.m.
- 20th December:** Class Christmas Parties.
- 21st December:** Video Day. School closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas break.

We would like to ask for donations for our Christmas Raffle – bottles, chocolates, gift sets etc. Please hand these into the school office.

School Uniform

School uniform should now be ordered direct from our supplier at <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/GreatOrtonSchoolCA56NA>

Our Breakfast Club is asking for donations of any board or box games/ jigsaws your child may no longer play at home – now is a great time to have a clear out before Santa arrives with new ones!

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

Have a fun weekend and relax together as a family.

