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Dear Parents and Children,

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children and families back to Great Orton Primary School, yesterday. It was great to see the children settled into their classes, with big smiles and eager to learn. We are all looking forward to the school year ahead and I would like to give you some further information regarding the Autumn Term.

### **The Great Orton Curriculum**

We understand that many children have been away from school for a long period of time and will prioritise helping them to settle back into school and into routines that have changed slightly, since they were last in school.

Government guidance means that we will need to make small adaptations to how we teach certain subjects, however, we will still teach a broad and balanced curriculum.

Children will still continue to receive homework and will be able to bring home books from school.

### **Blended Curriculum**

We will continue to provide an on-line curriculum for children who are shielding, isolating or in the event of a localised or national- lockdown. We will update this on our website so children who suddenly find themselves unable to attend school have online access to learning.

The curriculum will be focused on the White Rose Hub materials for the teaching of mathematics and the Oak National Academy for other subjects.

### **Great Orton Building Programme**

Over the 6 week Summer Holidays the school has undergone building and renovation work to improve the internal and external environments for all our children, parents and staff. We are now looking forward to seeing the children's work and art on display, around the school.





## Road works on the Road into Great Orton Village

The road from the cross roads to school is currently closed until Monday 14th September, 2020. For an alternative route to school, you will need to carry on driving past the closed road and follow it all the way around until you come to Great Orton Village. This road will take you to the junction beside the Wellington Inn, pub.

## P.E. coaching with Carlisle United Community Sports Trust

Children in Class 1 and Class 2 will have P.E. on Monday and Tuesday Afternoon during the first half of the Autumn Term. The sports coaches have undertaken Risk Assessments and are delivering Sports provision following DfE guidance. Please can you ensure that children have a P.E kit, including appropriate P.E. shoes in school.

We will try and make the most of dry Autumn days and will deliver P.E. lesson's outside, weather permitting. Children can bring a tracksuit, jumper or leggings into school to wear during outdoor P.E. lessons. These will be kept in their P.E. bags.

## KS2 Football Afterschool Club

Carlisle United Community Sports Trust will be leading a KS2 football coaching, Afterschool club, in school, every Monday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, starting from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is interested please can you see the letter attached to book their place by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

## KS2 Music Tuition

KS2 Music tuition with Mrs Tuffin will begin on Friday, 11th September, 2020.

## Breakfast Club Re-opening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Our Breakfast Club will reopen from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 from 8.00am to 8.45am. The cost per child is £1.50 per session and the Breakfast Club will be open from Monday to Friday. The Breakfast Club will continue to be located in the school hall through the Playground door entrance. We will however, be making some temporary changes to the Breakfast club in – line with current Government guidance. The changes are detailed below.

- Children will wash their hands before having breakfast.
- Children will be seated on individual tables to have their breakfast.
- Breakfast choices will be served to the children at their table.
- A KS1 and KS2 play area will be set up in the hall to maintain the KS1 and KS2 social Distancing Bubble.
- Resources will not be shared.

If you require Breakfast Club provision, please can you contact Sue, 48 hrs before your Breakfast Club Session is needed, tel: 711602 or email: [head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk).



## School Term Dates for the Diary

As a school we very much want to continue to celebrate with parents and the community following the DfE guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone. Therefore, we will ensure that any further details or amendments to events, based on Government Guidance, are communicated to you. Further Curriculum based activities will be added throughout the Term.

### Autumn Term 2020

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September -Year 6 Cycle wise.**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival 2:30pm at School.**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening KS1 and KS2.**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening KS2.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – School Photographs Day.**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Halloween Parties.**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Holiday.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day Visit to St Giles Church.**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November– Whole school Nasal Flu vaccination.**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre and Carols.**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance.**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner.**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term.**

Kind Regards

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