



## GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

All our children are settling back into the routines of school life and are enjoying their learning throughout the curriculum. We have welcomed the Carlisle Community Sport Trust coaches into school on a Monday and Tuesday to deliver P.E. and have seen the return of Mrs Tuffin our music teacher. All KS2 children have started to learn to play the ukulele. 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 Harvest Celebrations**

Unfortunately, due to Government COVID-19 recommendations, we will be unable to open our doors and celebrate our Harvest Festival with parents and carers this year. The children will, however, continue to celebrate Harvest time in school, through poetry, song and art. We are also looking forward to collecting our 'apple' harvest and baking apple pies. We will share photographs on our website and Tapestry for our EYFS and KS1 children.

### **The Great Orton School Dinner Menu Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our School Dinner menu consultation. Our school council met with Mr Ackerley from Orian Catering to talk about the foods they wanted to see on our new school menu. He has now taken their ideas to create a new school dinner menu which will start from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. To celebrate, we will be having a special themed 'bonfire night' school lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. We will send further information regarding the new school dinner menu and 'bonfire' lunch in the following weeks.

### **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.

If you require home learning for your child, please contact the school so we can upload a weekly timetable of learning for your child to follow, on the blended learning page of the website. The curriculum will be focused on the White Rose Hub materials for the teaching of mathematics and the Oak National Academy for other subjects.

To access the materials, log onto the Great Orton School website at [www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk) select the classes tab at the top of the website then click on blended learning in the pull - down menu. Your child has passwords to access the Doodle Maths and Nessy sites located at the back of their reading record books.



## Year 6 Cyclewise Superstars

Our Year 6's enjoyed the last of the Summer sunshine as they completed their cyclewise biking safety workshop. Well Done Year 6!



## Parents Meetings on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Meeting with parents during the Autumn term has always been an important opportunity to discuss and celebrate your child's successes, set learning targets and discuss any worries or concerns, with your child's class teacher. This year, due to the Government's COVID -19 recommendations, we will be holding parents meeting by telephone call. Each parent/ carer will be allocated a 10 minute slot.

**Miss Shannon (Class 1) will be calling parents from 4 – 6pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.**

**Mrs Bellas (Class 2) will be calling parents from 4pm – 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.**

Please can you complete the Parents Meeting Letter attached to choose your preferred call time and return to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

## Welcome to our Great Orton School Council

Voting has taken place in both our classes and we now have six new school council representatives. The school Councillors have been very busy this week meeting with Mr Ackerley to discuss the new school hot dinners menu and developing a set of school rules. Well Done everyone!



Kind Regards

Catherine Bellas

Acting Headteacher



## School Term Dates for the Diary

### Autumn Term 2020

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

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening KS1.

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.

