



## GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Children,

We would like to thank all parents for your support following the recent Parent meetings, which took place via telephone last week. I hope that you found these informative and gave you the opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns. If you feel that you would like a further discussion then please arrange an appointment through Mrs Wright in the school office.

### HSE inspection

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the school received a COVID 19 inspection from the Health and Safety Executive. I am pleased to report that they were satisfied with the control measures and welfare facilities on site and that we were compliant with Government guidelines. They reported that the control measures that we have implemented were robust and regularly reviewed.

### The Great Orton School Dinner Menu

A big thank you to our School Council, who have helped to create to our new school lunch menu. You will have now received details of this and will see that there is now three choices each day - so hopefully, there will be something on there for everyone. Can I ask you to complete and return your child's menu choices by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, please.

The children are looking forward to our Bonfire Themed Lunch on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Cumberland Sausage in a Crusty Roll served with Chips, Beans and Tomato Sauce, followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding. All children are invited to take part – simply indicate on your child's menu slip or just let Mrs Wright know in the school office.

### Harvest Celebrations

Although we were unable to open our doors and celebrate our Harvest Festival with parents and carers this year, the children continued to celebrate Harvest time in school through poetry, song and art.

The children had great fun baking, with KS1 making banana muffins and KS2 making apple pies, from apples collected from our tree !





### Halloween Parties

Both class bubbles will have their own Halloween Party on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020. Children may bring a fancy dress outfit to change into if they wish. This should be sent in a named carrier bag and should be child appropriate i.e. nothing too scary please. There will be plenty of party games and the children will receive a 'trick or treat' party bag to take home.

### P.E. Days

P.E. days are changing after half term.

Both classes will receive P.E. on a Monday afternoon and a Friday afternoon.

Please make sure that your child has their full P.E. kit in school on these days. Now the colder weather is here, it is also a good idea to include tracksuit bottoms and a top.

### After School Clubs

The KS2 (Year's 3, 4 and 6) after school football club on a Monday evening will continue after half term. A new multi skills after school club for KS1 (Reception, Year1 and Year2) will run on a Tuesday evening from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. A separate letter has been sent out for you to complete, should your child wish to take part.

You may be aware that Mrs Thomson has not been in school during the past few weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery and she should be back with us early into the new term. In the meantime, Miss Pendleton will continue to teach along myself in the KS2 class.

Kind regards  
Catherine Bellas  
Acting Headteacher

### School Term Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term 2020

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

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Lunch**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day (visit to War Memorial in Village Church Grounds)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch**

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas Break**

