



## GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy first half time, ending with our Halloween party. A great time was had by all and the costumes were super!

The second half of this term is going to be equally as busy and below I have tried to provide you with as much information as possible.



### Winter Weather Advice

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice and Schools are often affected.

In the event of severe weather conditions, we will endeavour to keep Great Orton Primary School open. However if it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite, or enough staff cannot reach the school to ensure we have enough staff to man the school safely, then we would need to make the decision to close the school.

### **How will we let you know if the school is closed?**

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions then the decision may be made to close the school. Once this decision has been made, we will notify parents via -

- SMS/Email (please make sure that we always have your up to date details).
- We will also publish the information on the school website [www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk) and School Facebook page
- You can visit the Cumbria County Council website using the attached link [https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/school\\_closures](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/school_closures)
- Parents can listen to CFM Radio or Radio Cumbria for school closure announcements.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Please visit <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/winterready> for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Carlisle so you can plan your journey.
- Please approach the school carefully and **DO NOT PARK** directly outside the school gates under any circumstances.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if the weather dictates.



## Parental Consultation

I would like to invite all parents and carers to a consultation to discuss the P.S.H.E (personal, social and health education) and S.R.E (sex and relationships education) curriculum that your child receives in school. We will discuss how these topics are covered and at what stage your child will receive this. The consultation will take place **online via Zoom on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** **Can I please ask you to let Mrs Wright know if you can attend**, either by Tel 01228 711602 or email [head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk). A link to access the consultation will then be forwarded to you.



### Armistice Day

On the Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 a.m., the whole school will pay their respects in a two-minute silence at the war memorial in the grounds of St Giles Church, in the village. The children have been making printed poppies in preparation for this.



## Children in Need

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021, we are planning to have a non-uniform day, to raise money for 'Children In Need'. By making a suggested donation of £1, your child can come to school in their normal clothes.



## Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

All pupils are invited to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause.

We are asking pupils to make a £1 donation, or whatever they can give, to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world.

All money raised will go to Save the Children and will help make sure every child, no matter where they're born, has essentials like food, water and a safe place to sleep at night, and ultimately will ensure children can go on to make their mark on the world.

All your child needs to do is wear a festive woolly and bring in a donation. There is no need to splash out on snazzy new sweaters to join in the fun – why not swap, borrow or bling up an old woolly with some festive decorations.

Mrs Tickle will also be joining us on this day to run a Christmas craft session with the children.

## Christmas Performance

It will be lovely to welcome you all back to watch the children perform their Christmas play this year. This will be taking place on the afternoon of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in Great Orton village hall, starting at 2:30 p.m.



## **Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Mrs Armstrong will be cooking a traditional Christmas lunch for us. We will be sending a separate letter out in order that you can order lunch on this day for your child. The cost will be £2.30. This will be provided free of charge to those children in Year Reception, one and two and those entitled to FSM.

## **Christmas Party**

This year this will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. School will provide all snacks and drinks. If the children would like to change into some party clothes, then they should bring these into school on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> December in a named carrier bag.

## **After School Sports Clubs**

The after school Sports clubs will continue this half term. Below is a reminder of which clubs are on. If your child did not attend prior, but would like to now, then please contact Mrs Wright in the school office. All clubs run from 3:30 pm until 4:30 p.m. and there is no charge.

Monday	Class 1	Multi Skills
Tuesday	Class 2	Multi Skills

## **Wrap Around Care - Breakfast and After School Provision**

The Breakfast Club is open every school day, Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 8.45am. Children will receive a 'healthy' breakfast consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, yogurt etc. The cost of the breakfast club is £1.50 per day, per child.

The after school sessions run every school day Monday to Friday from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The cost per session is £5 per child. Children will be able to relax, after school, in a safe environment, accessing craft and sporting activities. They will also receive a healthy snack.

Please note there will be no After School provision on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**We ask that you book both of these provisions at least 1 week in advance.**

If your child requires a space please can you contact Mrs Wright by email at [head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk) or tel 01228 711602.

Best Wishes

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Mrs Catherine Bellas  
Acting Headteacher



## School Term Dates for the Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Parental Consultation 5:00 p.m.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Non-Uniform Day (Children in Need)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Performance 2:30 p.m. in Village Hall

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch – (Further letter to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas Break (No after school provision on this day)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – School Reopens at 8:45 a.m. (Breakfast Club 8:00 a.m.) for the new Spring Term

