



## GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such a busy half term, ending with all the fun activities leading up to Christmas.



**Christmas Jumper Day** – Raised £19 for The Save the Children charity.

**Children in Need Day** – Raised £19 for this charity



Thank you for supporting both of these.

### Christmas treats

Class 1 visited Tullie House to take part in the Paddington Experience.



Class 2 went to Theatre by the Lake at Keswick to watch a performance of Tom's midnight garden, followed by lunch at McDonalds.



A big thank you to Mrs Tickle, who joined us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December and made some wonderful wooden Christmas trees with the children.





It was lovely to welcome you all back to watch the children perform their Christmas play in the village hall on Monday.  
I am sure you will agree, the children were fantastic actors and the singing was superb!

Mrs Armstrong cooked a beautiful Christmas lunch for us on Tuesday and the children are looking forward to their Christmas parties today.

**Reminder** - We close for the Christmas break on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December **at 1:00 p.m.**

## **Spring term 2022**

School will reopen to the children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 from 8:45 a.m. (Breakfast club from 8:00 a.m.)

For those of you who have a school meal, we will return on Lunch menu Week 1.

### **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.

**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.

### **P.E.**

P.E. days will remain the same for both classes – Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has their full P.E. kit in school on these days, including a warm tracksuit (or joggers and a sweatshirt) and sports trainers.



## After School Sports Clubs

The after school Sports clubs will continue this 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

## 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.

Best wishes to you and your family for a happy and safe Christmas

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Mrs Catherine Bellas  
Acting Headteacher

