



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! and a special welcome to the new children and their families that have joined us this September.

The children have all received new reading record books. Can I ask parents to listen to your child read as often as possible and record this in their reading record books.

Parent Information session – Tuesday 24th September 2024

Miss Shannon and Mrs Cuzick will be holding an information session for parents to explain how Phonics and Reading is taught in school and to give you strategies that will help you to support your children with reading at home.

ATTENDANCE

Can I please remind you that attendance is key to the success of your child.

We expect all children to attend school on a regular basis.

Learning is progressive and absences result in gaps in their learning.

Your child's absence should only be for a valid reason and if necessary, we will be asking for evidence of appointments.

Vacancy

Sadly, Mrs Armstrong is leaving us at the end of October as she has decided to retire. Mrs Armstrong has been with us for 16 years and we thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future.

We have a current vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. The application pack can be found on our website or click on this link [Vacancies - Great Orton Primary School](#)

Closing date for applications is Monday 23rd September 2024 at 12:00 noon.

Great Orton Village Hall Celebrations - Saturday 28th September 2024

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Village Hall, a 'Kids Party' will take place on

Saturday 28th September 2024 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are £2 and are available from the school office.





Bikeability - Thursday 10th October 2024

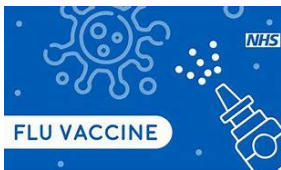
This will take place for the children who's parents completed the permission document at the end of last term

The Year 5 and 6 sessions will take place over Thursday 10th October and Friday 11th October and will be on the playground and the road outside school.

The Year 3 and 4 session will take place on Thursday 10th October and will be on the playground only. Children will need their Bikes and helmets in school on these dates.

School photographer - Monday 14th October 2024

If you would like family photographs taken with younger siblings then you are very welcome to join us at 2:00 p.m.



Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 22nd October 2024

For those children whose parents have given consent.

Open Day for Children due to start school in September 2025 – Wednesday 23rd October 2024

This will take place after school between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please pass this information on to them.

'Harvest Festival Assembly' - Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Families and friends are invited to join us in the school hall at 9:15 a.m. for a performance of songs and poems by the children.



We are asking for donations of tinned and packet goods/food, which this year will be distributed to Carlisle Key.

Carlisle Key is a local charity that helps vulnerable 16 to 25 year olds to gain confidence, support and resources they need to avoid the risk, or resolve the reality of homelessness. They have an independent and impartial drop in advice service specialising in housing, financial and other related issues.

Any donations should be sent into the school office.



Halloween Disco – Thursday 24th October 2024

The Halloween Party for all classes will be during school time on the afternoon of Thursday 24th October 2024. 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 snacks.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Do you do your weekly shop in Asda? If so simply use your Asda Rewards App to select Great Orton Primary School and we will receive a cash amount based on your total spend.

These funds will then be used to purchase resources for the children.

We are part of the Battery Recycling Campaign in conjunction with Cumberland Council. There is a collection box in the school office. Any batteries can be sent in, and they will then be recycled correctly instead of ending up in normal household waste.



Nursery Provision



For enquiries about the on-site privately ran nursery 'Messyhands' – please contact Collette Evans on 07783924187.

Children now accepted from Newborn to school age.

After school provision offered to all primary school aged children

PARKING

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping or collecting your child/children at/ from school. Thank you for not parking on the yellow zigzags outside school or in the adjacent pub carpark. Additional parking can be found at the village hall, which is only a 3 minute walk to school.

Half Term break

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024

Kind Regards

M Walker

Mr M Walker
Headteacher