



GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a busy first half term.

Retirement

Sadly, Mrs Susan Armstrong left us at the end of October as she had decided to retire. She has been a very dedicated member of Great Orton School. Mrs Armstrong has been with us for 16 years in a variety of roles as cook, midday supervisor, breakfast club leader and staff governor and will be very much missed by everyone at the school.

Mrs Blakey has joined our staff as a Midday Supervisor – the children have all made her feel very welcome.



'Harvest Festival Assembly'



Families and friends were invited to join us in the school hall for a performance of songs and poems by the children.

Thank you for your generous donations of tinned and packet goods/food, which this year was distributed to Carlisle Key.

Halloween Disco

The Halloween Party for all classes was held during school time on the afternoon of Thursday 24th October 2024. Children dressed up in fancy dress outfits - nothing too scary and there was plenty of party games and snacks.



P.C.S.O. Visit

Graham Kirkpatrick visited school and gave a Halloween and Bonfire Safety talk to all of the children.

Building Work

At half term the boys toilets have been renovated and the hall floor sanded and revarnished.

2 New televisions have replaced the projectors and screens in the junior classrooms



Remembrance



On Thursday 7th November we welcome back 'Poppy' to perform her WW2 experience for the children and on Monday 11th November the whole school will walk down to the war memorial at the village church to pay our respects at 11:00 a.m.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 19th Nov 2024 – Book Swap (see separate flyer)

Thursday 21st Nov 2024 – Hearing Screening for children in year Reception

Wednesday 11th Dec 2024 – Christmas Lunch – This should be ordered via the School Hub site at the end of November.

Thursday 12th Dec 2024 – Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear their favourite Christmas Jumper and donate £1 donation towards 'Save the Children' Charity.

Monday 16th Dec 2024 – Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Play

Tuesday 17th Dec 2024 – School Christmas Performance in the village hall @ 2:00 p.m.
NB – There will be NO sports after school club on this day

Thursday 19th Dec 2024 – Christmas party in school (children may bring party clothes to change into)

Friday 20th Dec 2024 – School closes **at 1:00 p.m.** for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 7th Jan 2025 – School reopens at 8:45 a.m. for start of new term



Reading with your child.

Please take 10/15 minutes each evening to read with your child. This really does help with their progress.

School meals and after school clubs should all be booked and paid for in advance using the School Hub App.



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.

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.

Before and 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 and 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.

Kind Regards

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Mr M Walker
Headteacher

