

27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## NEWSLETTER



### **Welcome back!**

It has been lovely to see how happy and settled the children are back in school. Welcome to all our new families and also to Mrs Davies, our new Teaching Assistant. We are also joined this term by Miss Plant who is with us for her trainee teacher placement and Miss Nicholson who will be with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the year as she trains to be a teaching assistant. Also a big welcome to our Tepee Tots families.

### **Cumbria in Bloom**

Following our award of a 'Thriving garden' certificate, we have now been awarded joint runner-up in the sensory garden category of Cumbria in Bloom. Congratulations to all the gardeners, especially Mrs Stevens.

### **Mornings**

We continue to offer parents the opportunity to drop children off from 8.15am to enable parents to get to work. Please can children not arrive earlier than that as there are not routinely staff to supervise them. Please let us know if there is an exceptional circumstance and we are happy to help.

### **Aldi Vouchers**

School are collecting vouchers from Aldi for new Sports Kit and to enter a draw to win £20,000! We had originally thought that we would not be able to collect the 300 vouchers needed by November, but it seems that if parents explain to Aldi that we are a very small school, they sometimes give extra vouchers.

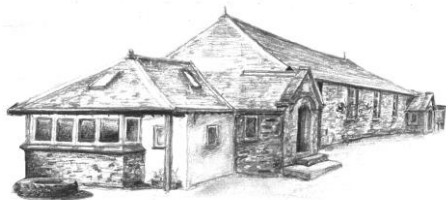
### **Open afternoon and open morning.**

We are advertising an open afternoon for potential parents on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm to 3pm. Please encourage anyone you know who is considering schools to come and visit. We also have fliers in the office that we would be grateful if parents could display for us. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am -12 noon, we are holding an open morning where families, members of the community and prospective parents are invited to see what we have been doing in school and have a cup of tea or coffee. There will be activities out for children.

### **Harvest celebration**

All families are invited to St Thomas' Church Selside for a celebration of Harvest on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. It will be only half an hour and suitable for children. School have been asked to contribute a couple of songs, so it would be great if as many children as possible could be there. Families are also invited to a Harvest PTO





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Supper on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at Selside Memorial Hall. There will be a hot supper served and produce from the Harvest will be auctioned. Again, all welcome.

**School individual photographs**

Tempest photography will be coming to take individual photos and family groups on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like a photo of a pre-school child or/and them included in a family group, please bring them in at 9am.

**SSA**

The School Association meeting last night was very productive and we have exciting events lined up for the year. Overall, SSA raised over £3,500 with £1,000 matched funding— a magnificent amount! Thank you everyone involved; as a small school we could not provide all that we do without fundraising. The next SSA meeting is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at school. All are welcome. Please see calender for events that are planned.

With very best wishes

*Sarah Coleman and all the staff*

**Dates for your diary :**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Torchlight procession
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm	Harvest celebration St Thomas' Church Selside
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photos
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm	Harvest Supper Selside Memorial Hall
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half-term
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Open afternoon 1.30pm -3.00 pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Open morning 10am – 12 noon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	SSA Bingo Night Selside Memorial Hall
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School theatre trip – 101 Dalmations. Details to follow.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Selside Christmas Market (SSA event)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes for Christmas 1.30pm.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Childrens' Christmas party (SSA). Details to follow.

