



Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 17th September 2021

Ofsted School Inspection

As you know, the school was inspected under Section 8 the Ofsted Inspection Framework on 23rd June 2021. I am delighted to report that we remain a *good* school. I invite you to read the report which can be found at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50169219>

The report highlights the ambition and love of learning displayed by your children, along with the efforts of our wonderful staff who truly go above and beyond: *"Pupils rise to the challenge of leaders' high expectations of their achievements. Pupils value leaders' efforts to celebrate their successes."*

Behaviour, safeguarding, governance and inclusion of all pupils are identified as other areas to celebrate.

The report spells out the strengths of the curriculum, whilst also providing guidance on how we can get even better. The key element for us to work on is establishing ongoing development of our subject leadership across the curriculum. The school's development plan will be driven in part by the findings outlined in the report.

I would like to congratulate the whole school community who have all contributed to this positive outcome: our staff, parents and carers, Governors, the community at large and, of course, our wonderful pupils.



Dress-Up Day

Friday 22nd October



This is part of our charity fundraising which will be led by the School Council (more info on that to follow!). We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child.



Parents' Association and Governors

Would you like to get more involved with school life and to have the opportunity to make a difference? Contact us at school for more information about either of the above.

Diary Dates

September

Wed 22nd: PE kit for National Fitness Day
Fri 24th, 9am: Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thu 30th, 1:30pm: Harvest Festival

October

Mon 4th: Nasal flu vaccines
Fri 8th: Individual & family photos
Fri 22nd: Dress-up day

We had a great turnout for our first toddlers' session. All babies and toddlers are welcome every Thursday from 1-3pm.

Parent & Toddler Group



This is a bumper edition of the newsletter so please turn over for more about what is happening in school at the moment.



National Fitness Day – Wed 22nd September

Please send all children to school in PE kit on the above date as there will be additional mini sporting activities in all classes. *National Fitness Day* promotes healthy lifestyles for all by being physically active.

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
DAY**



Harvest Festival

Thursday 30th September, 13:30

We are hugely excited to be able to welcome families back into school! Each class is busily preparing a mini-performance for you. In the meantime, we will be accepting donations for the local food bank from now. Tinned and dried foods are ideal; please avoid perishable products and items which are approaching their 'use by' date.

We are also holding an auction of food items in the afternoon.

Pupil Premium

All schools receive extra funding from the government to support the learning of children from lower-income families. This 'PP' funding can be used for additional staffing for 1:1 and small group work, educational visits, music tuition, breakfast and after school clubs, classroom technology, school meals and lots more. However, we only get this if you apply. Parents and carers in receipt of income support, universal credit, child tax credit or other benefits can apply via the Cumbria Citizen Portal:

<https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

or by calling 01228 606060 to receive a paper application form.

Special Request From Miss Story

Class 1 need lots of blue and green milk bottle tops. We would be grateful for any that you can send in. Thank you!



Follow our Socials

Social media is great way of providing a 'window to the school.' Give our page a 'like' at www.facebook.com/BownessSchool to see regular updates on happenings in our classes.

Facebook Messenger is not monitored throughout the day so school communications should be via the blue books or by phone. Please note that staff members should not be contacted through their personal social media profiles.

Fun Food Fact

Did you know that eating one or two squares of dark chocolate 3-5 times a week improves your brain power? Note that it has to be *dark* chocolate – 75% cocoa or more. There is a great BBC podcast called *Just One Thing* which has lots of tips like this for improving our brain power and general health.

Sickness

Please remember that if a child is physically sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from its most recent occurrence.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

9am on Friday 24th September will be the Macmillan coffee morning. This will provide an opportunity to come and say hello to some of our staff and to enjoy coffee and cake – all whilst raising vital funds for a worthy charity.

We are accepting donations of raffle prizes which can be handed in at the main school reception.

Home-made cakes (to be sold at the event) are welcomed but please ensure that they are accompanied by a full list of ingredients.

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**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

