



# Wigton Infant School

## September Newsletter

### Website

[www.wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year, and a very warm welcome to our new children, new parents and families that have joined us this year.

### Covid protocols

We are receiving many queries about how long school protocols will be in place, the answer unfortunately is that we don't know. We started the school year with entirely new protocols and these have already changed once under direction from the local public health team. As a maintained school we are directed by both central government decisions in relation to Covid precautions and by local County Council and Public Health decisions. We recognise that as we progress into autumn and winter we will be seeing an increasing number of children with a range of respiratory illnesses, and under our current protocols we will be sending a lot of them home to isolate and get tested. This is frustrating for everyone but, especially with the high prevalence of Covid in Allerdale at the moment, we are certainly not in a position to disregard the protocols that we have been directed to put in place.

The range of different situations that are particular to individual families is also incredibly broad and not always clearly covered by protocols, so we are often having conversations with parents where we are trying to find the most sensible and safe option for isolation, testing and school attendance. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### Kitchen Supplies

Food delivery/supply issues continue in these difficult times and on occasions it is becoming increasingly difficult to source supplies of food for our menu. It may be that we need to use slight alternatives. If this were to happen please be assured we will send out a message with enough time for you to be able to change your child's lunch option if that was more suitable.

### FOWIS AGM

All parents are invited to the AGM of FOWIS (Friends of Wigton Infant School) which will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm via Zoom. Please see the separate letter which was sent out last week or the Friends of Wigton Infant School Facebook page for more information.

### Audiology catch up visit

The audiology nurse will be in school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to see the Year 1 and Year 2 children who missed their hearing test last year.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The vaccination nurses will be in school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** to administer the nasal flu vaccinations to those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that have parental consent. If your child has been unwell in the three days prior to 30<sup>th</sup> November then you must inform us so that we can relay the information.

We have several outstanding forms which have not been returned. These must be returned by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October otherwise your child will not receive the vaccination.

### **One-way system**

There are still lots of parents who are not using the one-way system when dropping off and collecting children.

The system is in place to relieve congestion in the school grounds and also for safety reasons as we have several minibuses/taxis accessing our site at the start/end of the school day.

If you have a child in Year 2 and siblings in other year groups it would be really helpful if you could drop off/collect your Year 2 child first. Once you enter the one-way system in the front garden **you can only exit via the path to Longthwaite Road.**

Please note that the gate leading onto The Crofts is now open again.

### **Updating contacts/addresses**

You are now able to keep your contact details up to date on the ParentMail app but if you do need to update a new telephone number or change an address etc. you must contact the school office so we can keep your child's records up to date.

### **Park and Stride Scheme**

Every child (the youngest sibling) in Wigton Infant School has now been issued with a new red Park and Stride car parking ticket. Each ticket has been personalised with a number which identifies your child, this was attached to your child's named letter.

It would appear that many parents are still not using the scheme which in turn is causing the congestion to build up on Longthwaite Road and the surrounding areas. We will be working closely with the traffic warden and local PCSO's to monitor the situation, parking tickets may well be issued!

We have also received complaints from Wigton Surgery regarding parents using their car park which has caused issues for their staff and patients. Please do not park there.

### **Jewellery**

Children should not bring or wear jewellery for school. The only exception is to those children who have their ears pierced in which case studs can be worn. The children must be able to take them out themselves but if they can't then you must remove them on days when your child has PE and Forest School.

### **Dogs**

Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds. If you do need to bring them with you please make sure you secure them to railings etc. away from our drive and pathways.

The safety of all children is paramount so please make sure you supervise your child at all times.

### **Nut Free School**

Just to remind you all that we are a nut free school.

Your child may **not** bring any nuts or foods containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunches or as snacks.

Due to the number of allergies we have in school we are unable to allow children to bring in birthday treats (cakes/sweets etc.)

Thank you.

### **Drinks in school**

Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. Please only send water in their bottles- no juice, flavoured water or fizzy drinks.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

### **Cool Milk**

If you would like to sign your child up to receive school milk please go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to register. You will need to register before 5pm on a Tuesday for the order to start the following Monday.

### **Ordering School Dinners**

There are lots of parents who are not ordering/cancelling meals for their child. This is very time consuming and disruptive for the office.

If your child is isolating at home and you have told the school office that they will not be in school for a number of days, can you please make sure you cancel their school lunches on the ParentMail app.

### **School dinners/packed lunch**

If you would like your child to swap from a school dinner to a packed lunch or vice versa please ring the school office or email [admin@wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@wigtoninf.cumbria.sch.uk) giving one full weeks' notice. You cannot just swap as this causes problems for the kitchen.

### **Starting School 2022**

Admissions for children starting school in September 2021 can be made online at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions) Further details have been sent to your child's Nursery. Applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Transfer to Junior School Applications**

Our Year 2 children have been given information on how to apply for a place at a Junior school. You can apply online at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions) Applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **Governor Vacancies**

We have two vacancies on our Governing Body -

- Co-opted Governor X 1
- Parent Governor X 1

(Please look out for the Parent Governor election letter which will be sent out separately). If you know of anyone who may be interested in the positions please contact Mrs Woodburn who will inform the Chair of Governors.

### **Spare Clothes**

Last year FOWIS very kindly bought a supply of spare clothes for school which were all clearly named 'WIS'. The majority of these have not been returned by parents so please check at home and return them to school as soon as possible if you have them.

If your child has been changed in school and comes home in our spare clothes you must return them promptly as we only have a small supply in school.

### **Uniform**

We still have a small stock of uniform that is available to buy through our ParentMail app. If you do not see an item listed this means it is out of stock. You can also purchase our uniform from Gladrags in Wigton.

### **End of Term- change of date**

As the extra bank holiday in 2022 falls during the school holidays, we will now break up one day earlier for Christmas, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm.