

## Newsletter # 6 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

The first half term of the 2021-22 academic year is almost over and it is fantastic to be able to reflect on all of the amazing things we've been able to do. There are still limitations and complications, but I would like to thank all parents, children and staff for the energy, enthusiasm and positivity that we have shared over the last seven weeks. Not even roof repairs, heavy rains, the return of colds and sickness bugs and storm drain repairs have been able to dampen spirits, although the thought of being able to recharge slightly over half term is a very welcome one indeed!

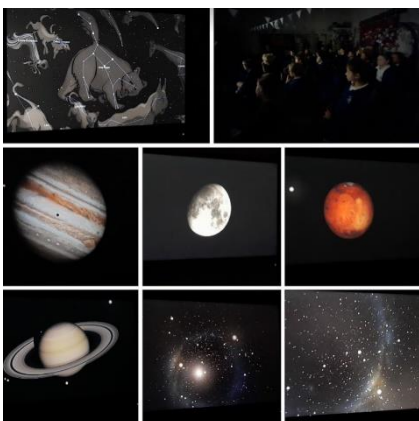
We are having one of our three INSET days on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, so the last day for children will be **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, with normal finishing times. We return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, which is also the rescheduled day for individual photographs.

House points this week... Exceptionally close!			
Farleton	Ingleborough	Howgill	Middleton
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## Lancaster University Planetarium Visit



It was an inspiring day on Monday when Year 5 had a planetarium visit as part of their science topic on space. There was a wide range of activities on offer allowing children to gain a great understanding of our solar system and the wider universe. Not only did the children get to learn about the planets, but they also got to design their own before taking a tour through our galaxy – and beyond.



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# Year 6 Victorian Day



And on the opposite end of the technology scale, Year 6 experienced a day living like Victorian children, complete with chimney sweeping props. There were fantastic outfits and authentic lessons, although the use of Chromebooks was quite surprising for 1857... Everyone got involved with the physical exercise and drill, closely monitored by Mr Yates and Madam Gladwinfield, which was followed by garden work for the boys and cross-stitch for the girls. In a rather generous version of Oliver Twist, the children were offered seconds when it came to the gruel, but surprisingly few took the offer up.



# Police visit Reception

PCSO Kathryn visited reception this week to talk about her job and show the children what she uses in her day-to-day role. They discussed keeping safe and when/how to call the emergency services. She then took the children to see her van and how it is slightly different from a normal car – there was much excitement across school when the sirens went off!



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## Parents' Meetings

Thank you for booking your meetings online. The codes for the meetings will be sent out on Monday morning. If you are using a computer, you can go to <https://meet.google.com/> and add the code. If you are using the app on your phone or tablet, you can just enter the code. It might be worth checking (using the code below) you can get online before your meeting day/time in case you need to make any arrangements.

As we mentioned last week, we are only able to offer one slot per child. I understand this isn't always ideal for personal situations but we must also try and keep within directed hours for our staff. Two meetings per child would take us significantly over and would be very difficult to arrange cover for. We appreciate your understanding with this.

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## KOBOCA Survey

Mrs Winnard recently sent out a link via email about the KOBOCA wellbeing survey. Thank you to everyone who has already replied and there is still time for anyone else to add their thoughts.

## Cereal Boxes

If anyone has any cereal boxes they would like recycling, Year 2 are having a DT day where they are solving problems based around axles and wheels. They would be very grateful for cereal box cardboard to help them explore different ways of making vehicles move.

## Open Day for Nursery and Reception – Tues Nov 9th

**Nursery and Reception Open Day** for prospective parents

On **Tuesday Nov 9th from 9:30 – 11:30am**

Please book your place at the school office Tel: **015242 71334**



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Your PTA need you! We are getting ready for our Christmas fundraiser and as part of the festivities will be holding our annual Christmas raffle. We are asking if you or someone you know has a business that is willing to donate a prize for our raffle.

If so please email [lauragkeeler@gmail.com](mailto:lauragkeeler@gmail.com) or catch her at school.

## Bags to school

Our popular bags to school event is back. Reduce your clutter, create some space and send your bags of clothes in so they can be reused. Bags to school accept

- \* Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- \* Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- \* Handbags
- \* Hats
- \* Bags
- \* Scarves and ties
- \* Jewellery
- \* Lingerie
- \* Socks
- \* Belts
- \* Soft toys
- \* Household linen
- \* Household curtains
- \* Household towels
- \* Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

But NOT school uniform

Bags will be collected outside school on **Wednesday 3rd of November**. We will let you know where closer to the time so you have plenty of time to gather your bags together.

