



# Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## Friends of Bowness School: Dress-Up Day and Movie Night

We are delighted to have an October dress-up day and film night on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, in support of our school fundraising efforts. Children can dress up during the school day in exchange for a big or small chocolate donation (ahead of chocolate bingo, taking place at Christmas). They can then stay after school until 6pm to watch a film with their friends (and optional teddies) and enjoy snacks and treats. There is a charge of £8 for the movie night. Look out for the permission slip which will be sent home soon.



## Summer Fayre

A huge thanks to everyone involved in this event: the Friends of Bowness School for all of the organisation, the stallholders, the staff and of course the children and families who attended. It was a great success! It really brought our community together and everyone had a good time. Plus, £465 was raised for our school projects so it was a win-win! Upcoming events will be a film night in October and chocolate bingo at Christmas.

## Provisional Dates for Next Events by the Friends of Bowness

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – dress up day and film night after school

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – chocolate bingo night



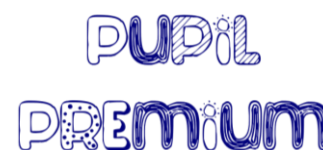
## Pupil Premium, Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

All schools receive extra funding from the government to support the learning of children from lower-income families. This vital 'Pupil Premium' funding really makes a difference to your child's education as it 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 for Pupil Premium, free school meals and clothing grants via the Cumberland Citizen Portal:

<https://ems.cumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

or by calling 0300 373 3730 to receive a paper application form.

Please let us know if you require any assistance with making an application.



Our attendance continues to be very high. This translates to great learning for our pupils!



### Week beginning Mon 11<sup>th</sup> September

Owls: 100%   Ospreys: 99%   Kestrels: 100%

### Week beginning Mon 18<sup>th</sup> September

Owls: 100%   Ospreys: 99%   Kestrels: 96%

### Key Diary Dates

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sep** – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9:30-11 (we are accepting donations of cakes for sale)

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Nasal flu vaccine

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** – National Poetry Day – pupils to perform

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Individual & family photos (morning)

**Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Harvest, 13:30

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Dress up day / movie night

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Last day before half term

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Return to school

### **School Communications**

Please note that we are having some difficulties arising from a fault on our phone line. However, it does work – and we can now take calls – but the connection can be a little crackly on our end until the repair is finished! Nonetheless, please continue to notify us of important messages such as absence from school via telephone on the usual number: 016973 51384. *Class Dojo* and email should not be used for this type of message. School staff do not access these during teaching hours so we will not pick up such messages instantly. If you can not get through on the phone, please leave a voicemail – this is checked regularly throughout the day.



*Class Dojo* is a great system which works well in our school. It is used for non-urgent messages about your child's class and their learning including homework. Please check for updates in the App Store (iPhone) or the Play Store (Android) to ensure that you are using the latest version.

### **Barcaple Residential Visit**

We can't wait to take our Kestrels pupils on this exciting adventure later in the year! The next installment of the payment is now due. Please contact us at school if you have any questions.



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

9:30-11:00 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 now accepting donations of home-made cakes (to be sold at the event). Please ensure that they are accompanied by a full list of ingredients and that they do not include peanuts.

Remaining cakes will be sold to pupils after the event for 50p per slice – please send this in on the

Toddler group takes place every Thursday from 9:15 until 10:45. We ask for a contribution of £1 per child.

### **Say Cheese!**

Individual and family photos will be taken on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you are bringing children who don't attend Bowness, please arrive early – from 8:30am.



### **Harvest Festival**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 13:30**

You are invited to this year's Harvest to be held in the school hall. We are now

accepting donations of tinned and dried foods etc. Please avoid perishable products and items which are approaching their 'use by' date. These will be auctioned off by our resident auctioneer Ian G!