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Dear Parents,

It was only a matter of weeks ago that we were all preparing ourselves for a six week break from the routines of the school day. I hope that, during that time, you have all had the opportunity to relax and enjoy the sunny weather, when it has appeared, and everyone is ready to start the new school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back returning pupils and families and those new to the school this year.

Over our holidays a small group of volunteers have decorated part of the school, which now looks fantastic. Thank you to everyone who helped in some way with this decorating and a very special thanks to Diane Bryant and Jill Little, who co-ordinated the project and gave a great deal of their time over the summer. There are still some classrooms to be decorated, subject to willing volunteers available to assist over the half-term and Christmas holidays.

In the next week or two, each individual class teacher will be sending home a letter, setting out the routines and expectations for the children in their respective classes as they begin, or continue to move up through Irthington Village School. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will attempt to resolve any issues.

You will also shortly receive a number of other letters, policies and forms specific to your child or your child's class, which we will send out at various times during this period so as to avoid bombarding you all with too much information at once. Copies of all letters and documents are also available to view and download on the school website, with key dates and information also included on our school app, which you can download onto any smart phone.

For those new to the school and those who have not yet downloaded the app go to the apps store on your 'phone and search for ourschoolsapp. Look for the logo below, which has a green background with white arrows and tap on to install.



Once installed it will ask you to search for your school, you can type in the school name or the postcode CA6 4NJ. Once you have located, and tapped onto, our school it will bring you into the homescreen, which includes options such as information, news, contacts, settings and calendar. Each time a new item is posted onto the app you will receive a notification on your 'phone. You will also receive reminders of upcoming events, which are included in the calendar section.

As a school we use the online Lunchshop system where children can choose from various meal options, either at home or at school. Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, otherwise meals are charged at £2.60 per day. For those of you with children moving into Year 3, you can either make payment online or we will accept payments into school by cash or by cheque, made payable to Irthington Village School. If you are unsure of your login details please contact the school office and Mrs Lawson will be happy to provide you with that information. We would be grateful if parents could ensure that they make regular payments towards the cost of their child(ren)'s meals to avoid running up large debts and avoid us having to send out chasing letters.

We thought it would be useful for you all to have an overview of events taking place this forthcoming year so have attached a list of dates for your assistance. There will obviously be additions to this and unforeseen circumstances may lead to some changes, but they will help you plan for things like time off work or childcare etc.

****HOT OFF THE PRESS**** Over the summer break we received some wonderful news that Mrs Blackley is pregnant! We are all delighted for her and her husband.

Also we have had a reshuffle of staff in order to continue to best meet the needs of the children. Class 1 is largely unaffected and will have Mrs Harrison, Miss Simpson and Mrs Evans (mornings) and Mrs Blackley will be in class in the afternoons. Class 2 will be Mrs Sweetman and Miss Pennington. Class 3 will be Mr Bulmer and Mrs Lupton. In the mornings, Mrs Blackley will teach a small group of children from Class 3 to provide a focused and nurturing environment for the children and reduce the numbers from the main classroom.

Also new for this year is a buddy system. We recognise that moving class for some children can be daunting and some children find the transition difficult. As staff, we have always tried to make this as gentle a process as possible. However, it is clear from some parents' comments that some children still find the change worrying. It is completely natural to be cautious or even anxious about change and often it is the tiny things that occupy the children's thoughts. For example, where to put their coat or books, whether they can go to the toilet etc. So we are going to assign a buddy to all of the children who are moving to Class 3. They will sit with their buddy in the classroom for the first few weeks while they settle in. The children have already named people that they would like to be their buddy so it will be someone they like and look up to. We expect the buddies to rise to the challenge and really help the children settle quickly into their new class.

Swimming lessons for Class 3 pupils are commencing on Friday 13 September at Morton Pool. There are quite a number of pupils who have not yet returned their consent forms and payment (£20 per pupil). Please could we have those handed in by Friday 6 September. Thank you.

In addition to the diary of events we have some After School Clubs running this half term, which will begin in the week commencing Monday 9 September and run for 6 weeks up until half-term. Please note that there is a slight increase in the amount being charged for After School Clubs, which are now £2 per session. Please do not send in any money until places have been allocated. ***For those attending Football Club, boots are optional but shin pads are essential.***

Day	Club	Staff	Who can attend
Monday	Gardening & Pond care	Mrs Sweetman/Mrs Lupton	Years 2-6
Monday	Football	Mr Bulmer	Years 2-6
Monday	Fun & Craft	Mrs Harrison	Years 1 & 2
Wednesday	Journalism	Mrs Evans	Years 3-6
Wednesday	Netball/Benchball	Miss Pennington	Years 4-6

Please complete the attached form below and return it to school by this Friday 6 September 2019 - to indicate which club(s) your child(ren) would be interested in attending, and allow us time to allocate places. Some clubs will have limited numbers so we may not be able to offer all children places in their chosen clubs.

Finally, due to lack of storage, PE kits must be in a drawstring bag and children must use a flat book bag for their school books. Unfortunately, we do not have room for rucksacks. If you do not currently have a book bag, or require a replacement, we will be placing a uniform order in the next couple of weeks so that you may obtain one, together with any other items of uniform you may require.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our forthcoming events and, as mentioned earlier, please contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison

Calendar of Events (2019/2020):

Date:	Event:	Venue:	Time:	Who is involved:
Wednesday 4 Sept	School Re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school
Thursday 5 Sept	Cyclewise	School	All day	Year 6
Friday 6 Sept	Cyclewise	School	am	Year 6
Friday 13 Sept – Friday 18 Oct	Swimming – 6 week block	Morton Pool	Every Friday morning	Class 3
Monday 23 Sept	Wheelchair Basketball	School	All day	Whole school
Tuesday 24 Sept	PTA AGM	School	7pm	All parents
Thursday 26 Sept	School Library Book Bus	School	1-3pm	Whole school
Friday 27 Sept	WHS Netball Tournamet	William Howard	9.15-12noon	Year 5 & 6
Friday 27 Sept	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	School	2pm	All parents
Sunday 29 Sept	Carlisle Cancer Run	Bitts Park, Carlisle	10am – 1pm	All parents
Thursday 3 Oct	Class 1 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 1 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Tuesday 8 Oct	Harvest Festival	Irthington Church	2.30pm	Whole school - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Sunday 13 Oct	Great North Air Ambulance doorstep Collection	Irthington, Laversdale, Newtown & Newby areas	From 10am	All parish members
Monday 14 Oct	Great North Air Ambulance Collection at school	School yard	Before 9am	All parish members
Wednesday 16 Oct	WHS Trampolining & Badminton Festival	William Howard School	3.45pm – 5pm	Year 3 & 4 (limited spaces)
Thursday 17 Oct	Class 2 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 2 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 18 Oct	School Closes	School	3.30pm	Whole school
Monday 21 Oct – Friday 25 Oct	AUTUMN HALF TERM			
Monday 28 Oct	School Re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school
Wednesday 30 Oct	'Flu Immunisations	School	12.30am	Whole school
Thursday 31 Oct	Hallowe'en Disco	School	pm	Whole school
Tuesday 5 Nov	Class 3 Assembly	School	3pm	Class 3 - parents & grandparents invited to attend

Wednesday 6 Nov	WHS Trampoline & Multi Sports Festival	William Howard	3.45pm – 5pm	Year 1 & 2 (limited spaces)
Friday 8 Nov	Tempest Photography – Individual & family photos	School	From 9am	Whole school - younger siblings invited to attend
Monday 11 Nov	World War II Thinking Day	School	All day	Whole school
Tuesday 12 Nov	World War II Thinking Day	School	All day	Whole school
Wednesday 27 Nov	WHS Trampoline & Badminton Festival	William Howard School	3.45-5pm	Years 5 & 6 (limited spaces)
Thursday 28 Nov	Dental Visits	School	2-2.15pm	Year 6
Friday 29 Nov	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for item for chocolate tombola	School	All day	Whole school
Sunday 1 Dec	Christmas Fair	School	TBC	Whole school - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 6 Dec	Christmas Pantomime - Cinderella	The Dukes Theatre, Lancaster	TBC	Class 1 & 2
Friday 6 Dec	Christmas Play – A Christmas Carol	The Theatre by the Lake, Keswick	TBC	Class 3
Monday 9 Dec	Class 3 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	School	2.30pm	School pupils
Tuesday 10 Dec	Class 3 - Christmas Play Performances	School	2.30pm & 7pm	Class 3 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 11 Dec	Class 2 Christmas Play – Dress Rehearsal	School	2.30pm	School pupils
Thursday 12 Dec	Class 2 Christmas Play - Performances	School	2.30pm & 6.30pm	Class 2 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Monday 16 Dec	Christmas Party	School	Pm	Whole school
Wednesday 18 Dec	Class 1 – Christmas Nativity	Church	2.30pm	Whole school – parents & grandparents invited to attend
Thursday 19 Dec	Christmas Lunch	School	12noon	Whole school
Friday 20 Dec	End of Autumn Term	School	2pm	Whole school
Monday 23 Dec – Monday 6 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK			
Tuesday 7 Jan 2020	School Re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school

Monday 20 Jan	Parents' Evening	School	2-7pm	Whole school - all parents invited to attend
Tuesday 11 Feb	Class 2 Assembly	School	3pm	Class 2 – parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 12 Feb	Class 1 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 1 – parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 12 Feb	WHS Lacrosse Festival	William Howard	3.45-5pm	Years 3 & 4 (limited spaces)
Friday 14 Feb	School closes	School	3.30pm	Whole school
Monday 17 Feb – Friday 21 Feb	SPRING HALF-TERM BREAK			
Monday 24 Feb	School re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school
Friday 6 March	WHS Badminton Festival & Competition	William Howard	9am – 12.25pm	Years 5 & 6 (limited spaces)
Friday 20 March	Class 3 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 3 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 20 March	School Sleepover	School	TBC	Years 2 - 6
Wednesday 25 March	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for item for chocolate tombola	School	All day	Whole school
Wednesday 25 March	WHS Movement Athletics	William Howard	3.45pm – 5pm	Year 1 & 2 (limited spaces)
Thursday 26 March	Easter Service	Irthington Church	2.30pm	Whole school – parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 27 March	PTA Easter Coffee Morning & Egg Hunt	School	9am – 10.30am	All parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 27 March	End of Spring Term	School	2pm	Whole school
Monday 30 March – Monday 13 April	EASTER BREAK			
Tuesday 14 April	School Re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school
Friday 17 April <u>or</u> Friday 24 April (TBC)	WHS Key Stage 1 Sports Festival	William Howard	9.30am – 12noon	Reception – Year 2
Monday 11 May – Friday 15 May	Key Stage 2 SATS	School	am	Year 6
Sunday 17 May	PTA Summer Fair	School	TBC	All parents & grandparents invited to attend
Monday 18 May – Friday 22 May	Key Stage 1 SATS	School	am	Year 2
Wednesday 20 May	WHS Rounders Festival	William Howard	3.45-5pm	Years 5 & 6 (limited space)

Friday 22 May	School Closes	School	3.30pm	Whole school
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	SUMMER HALF-TERM BREAK			
Monday 1 June	School Re-opens	School	8.40am	Whole school
Tuesday 2 June	Sports Day	School	2pm	Whole school – all parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 3 June	WHS Rounders Festival	William Howard	3.45pm – 5pm	Years 3 & 4 (limited spaces)
Friday 12 June	WHS Athletics Festival	William Howard	9.30am – 12 noon	Years 5 & 6 (limited spaces)
Tuesday 16 June	Class 1 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 1 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 17 June	Class 2 Assembly	School	9.15am	Class 2 - parents & grandparents invited to attend
Tuesday 23 June	Class 3 Dress Rehearsal	School	2.30pm	School pupils
Wednesday 24 June	Class 3 – End of Year Performance	School	2.30pm & 7pm	Class 3 – parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 26 June	WHS Rounders Festival	William Howard	9.30am – 12 noon	Years 5 & 6 (limited spaces)
Monday 13 July	School Reports	School	Pm	All pupils
Tuesday 14 July	Parents’ Evening	School	2-7pm	Whole school – all parents & grandparents invited to attend
Wednesday 15 July	Leaver’s Lunch	School	12 noon	Whole school
Thursday 16 July	Leaver’s & Celebration Assembly	Newtown Village Hall	2pm	Whole school – all parents & grandparents invited to attend
Friday 17 July	End of Year	School	2pm	Whole school

After School Clubs:

My child/ren:.....

Would like to be considered for the following clubs:

Day	Club	Staff	Child/ren
Monday	Gardening & Pond care (Yr 2-6)	Mrs Sweetman/Mrs Lupton	
Monday	Football (Yr 2-6)	Mr Bulmer	
Monday	Fun & Craft (Yr 1 & 2)	Mrs Harrison	
Wednesday	Journalism (Yr 3-6)	Mrs Evans	
Wednesday	Netball/Benchball (Yr 4-6)	Miss Pennington	

School transport arrangements.

Please complete as appropriate and School will make amendments in relation to After School Clubs, once places have been allocated.

My child/ren will travel home on the school bus/taxi on the following days and I will inform the school of any changes to this:

Child/Day:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

