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Dear Parents and families,

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school. I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and managed to take advantage of the good weather. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your messages of support, offers of help and gifts sent in at the end of term, all were very much appreciated.

Being back in school with the children has been an absolute delight! All the children quickly settled into school routines and were happy to be back with their friends and teachers. Our new children amazed us, as did those who had changed classrooms coping with the school day as if they had done it all before!

In terms of COVID 19, we must insist that school is informed of any positive cases of pupils (who must isolate) and we shall follow PHE guidelines in the event of a local outbreak. If children have any symptoms of COVID, they must stay at home until they have been tested.

In school, we will continue with rigorous hand hygiene routines, and where possible to encourage social distancing, particularly between adults and we ask that parents of children in classes 2 and 3 do not come into the school building unless they have an appointment or need to speak to Mrs Lawson in the school office.

If parents and essential visitors do need to come into the building, we ask that they do wear a mask.

We have relaxed the seating arrangements in the classes so that the children can sit in groups rather than rows and we will reinstate singing, and indoor PE.

Hopefully this means that Harvest Festival and Christmas performances can go ahead (dependent on Government and Local Authority advice at the time).

The diary is already filling up and I have attached some of the early dates for your convenience, some obviously will be confirmed nearer the time. Class teachers will send out their newsletters shortly outlining the learning experiences and routines particular to their class.

Unfortunately, the School Transport service operates separately from schools and, unless we hear from you that your child has been granted a place on the school bus, having not previously used this service, or no longer requires a place on the bus, we do not know who is eligible to travel to and from school via this method at the start of each academic year. If your child is now using school transport but did not previously do so, or if they no longer use the school transport, please do let us know so that we can ensure that our bus registers are correct

For those parents who have a child or children on the school bus please complete the table at the end of this letter, confirming which days they require school transport and the company providing the bus on a usual week, and return it to school as soon as possible, so that we can prepare up to date registers. If there are changes to those arrangements in the future, whether temporary or permanent, please advise the relevant class teacher and also let Mrs Lawson in the school office know.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison

Date/time	Event	Who	Where
10th September	10-week swimming block to commence	Class 3 pupils	Carlisle pools.
15th September 2.30pm	Welcome to reception meeting	Parents of pupils in Reception	Class 1.
20th September All day	Wheelchair basketball	All pupils	playground
5th October All day	Coram Life Bus to visit school	All pupils	school
6th October 2.30pm TBC	Harvest festival	All pupils and parents	St Kentigern's church Irthington.
12th October	Flu immunisations	All pupils	school
22nd October 3.30pm	Finish for half term		
31st October	Deadline for Applications for places in Year 7 starting in September 2022	Year 6 pupils	For more information go to: www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions (applications can be made from Monday 6 th September 2021)
1st November	School reopens		
5th November	Tempest photography in school	All pupils	school
7th November 10am	GNAA Doorstep Clothing Collection	All pupils	Laversdale, Irthington, Newtown and Newby villages
8th November 9am	GNAA Clothing Collection		school
10th November	WW2 activities and crafts	All pupils	school
11th November	Walk to church for 2-minute silence	All pupils	St Kentigern's church Irthington.
12th November 3.40pm – 4.15pm	Book fair	All pupils and parents	School hall
15th November	Book fair	All pupils and parents	School hall
16th November	Book fair	All pupils and parents	School hall
17th November	Book fair	All pupils and parents	School hall

22nd November 1 - 3pm	School Library Service – Book Bus	All pupils	school
6th December pm	Beauty and Beast pantomime	All pupils	School hall
7th December TBC 2.30pm 6.30pm	Class 3 Christmas play	Parents and pupils of class 3	School hall
8th December TBC 2.30pm 6.30pm	Class 2 Christmas play	Parents and pupils of class 2	School hall
14th December 2.30 pm	Class 1 Nativity	All pupils and parents	St Kentigern’s church Irthington.
16th December 2.30pm	School closes one day earlier than initially planned to allow for the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen’s Platinum jubilee)		
5th January 2022	School reopens for spring term		
15th January 2022	Deadline for Applications for places in Reception starting in September 2022	Nursery pupils over 4 of age before 31 st August 2022	For more information go to: www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions (applications can be made from Monday 6 th September 2021)

School Transport:

My child/ren:.....will be using the school bus on the following days:
(please tick relevant days)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					
Afternoon					

They will be on the bus provided by: Telfords / Potts (please circle the relevant provider)