



Welcome to the first of many newsletters from me! I hope to keep you updated with regular newsletters informing you of activities we have been up to, key information and dates for your diaries. I will also frequently add information and photos to our class dojo page.

I have had a lovely first week back welcoming you and your child into the life of Ribchester St Wilfrid's. It has been lovely to see your child's happy face and how they have certainly settled into our new routines with ease.

As the children are able to access our outdoor area throughout the day, the door has to be left open resulting in our room often being quite cool. If you feel your child might get cold, they are welcome to bring a school fleece as an extra layer but please can everyone still have their jumper or cardigan in school too. (Remember to label all items of clothing.)

Our topic for this term is **All About Me**, which will allow me to get to know your child further and give them chance to find out about me too. Please can I just request a photograph of your child and their family. You are more than welcome to send a photograph physically (I will photocopy it and return the original), on class dojo or by email.

Here are some dates for your diary:

- Sunday 25th September - St Wilfrid's Church Harvest Festival - 10.30am
- Thursday 29th September - LEP Photographer - new reception class photo
- Wednesday 5th October - Reception Visual Screening
- Tuesday 18th October - Nasal Flu Vaccination
- Friday 21st October - Calder's Class Assembly followed by Stay and Play time
- Friday 21st October - School closes for half term
- Monday 31st October - Inset Day
- Tuesday 1st November - School reopens for Autumn 2

St Wilfrid's Harvest Festival

The children have been invited to take part in the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 25th September at St Wilfrid's Church starting at 10.30am. The school children will be singing, reading prayers and poems. Please can you let us know if you will be attending. If so, please can your child dress in their school uniform. St Wilfrid's Church are asking for Harvest donations of tins and dried goods for the Foodbank.

Reception Visual Screening and Nasal Flu Vaccination

A letter has been sent home regarding the visual screening, please can this be returned to school as soon as possible. A message has been posted on class dojo about the nasal flu vaccination. If you wish for your child to have a nasal flu vaccine, please complete the form online.

Nuts

In school, we have a number of children who suffer with severe nut allergies resulting in being a **nut free school**. Please don't send any products which contain nuts into school, this includes packed lunches.

Drinks and Fruit

Please can your child bring their bottle of water, clearly named, each day. This will be sent home daily to be washed and refilled. Water only please - no juice. If you wish for your child to have milk, please complete the online form so that it can be delivered start to school. All children are provided with a piece of fruit which is often consumed in an afternoon so that it doesn't spoil their dinner.

Coats

Please can you ensure your child has a coat in school **every** day, no matter the weather when you leave home in the morning as the weather is starting to change and this might happen during the day.

PE

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On these days, your child should come to school wearing their PE kit. They can wear their school jumper or cardigan on top of their kit. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit as we are making a huge effort to have all children in their right kit.

- Plain red t-shirt
- Plain navy blue shorts (shadow striped or plain cotton shorts, - cycling shorts or leggings are not permitted)
- Plain navy jogging bottoms (no logos/stripes)
- Black or white plain trainers

Sports Club

A 4 week after school football club is being run by Absolute. If you wish for your child to take part in this, please complete the booking form on the flyer attached to our class story. Children won't need to get changed as the club is being on a Monday which is PE day.

Spare Clothes

Please can I encourage you to send a pair of underwear and joggers into school in case of emergencies, this can be kept on their peg or in their book bag.

Wellies

If possible, please provide a spare pair of wellies that can be kept in school as we go outside in all weathers.

Hair

Please can I ask all children with hair that is shoulder length or longer to have it tied up. We unfortunately already have confirmed cases of head lice in school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat it if necessary. If a member of staff notices a child is showing signs of having head lice or is informed of a child with head lice, a message will be sent to the parents asking them to check their child's hair as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reading Books

Your child will be coming home with a reading book soon. We encourage the children to read daily whether this is reading a few pages or asking questions about their book to help develop their comprehension skills. Reading books will then be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**. I will provide further information about reading books soon.

Class Dojo

We have found Class Dojo a really useful way of communicating during the last few years so it is something we all will continue to use. I will keep you updated with photographs and any other relevant information you need. Class Dojo is also a great way to get in touch privately if there is anything you want to talk about. I will also be available in a morning or a pick up but don't ever hesitate to get in touch.

I am always available for any questions, concerns or queries - no matter how big or small you think they are.

Kind regards,
Mrs Cowgill