

# Ennerdale CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Well winter certainly seems to have arrived along with the start of the last half term of the year, as my van found out, when failing to make it up Fangs Brow on Tuesday! Luckily a restart, with no one else in front, and some cunning use of the verge got me up! However, weather good or bad things carry on.

### Forest Schools and Swimming

Rather than change over at half term, the juniors will continue to go swimming on Wednesdays until Christmas and the Infants will continue to attend Forest School on Thursday. This is to give the Juniors, now, and the Infants in the spring term, a full term of swimming to try and make sure everyone is able to reach the expected standard. Six weeks seemed to give too short a period of time to consolidate skills.

Can the infant parents please make sure, that as the weather does get colder children are properly equipped for forest school sessions. Jeans and a flimsy tee-shirt might look very fashionable but do not keep children warm. Tracksuit bottoms and thick fleeces or woolly jumpers are much better - along with a warm coat and waterproofs. Hats, gloves and scarves can always be taken off if it gets warm but can't be put on if they are not brought.

### Coats

In a similar vein as the above, can parents please make sure children come to school with a coat. Children were turning up last week in temperatures which were quite literally, freezing, in just a polo shirt and jumper. We can't let children go outside in those sorts of temperatures, at break time, without suitable clothing – the forms for children suffering from hypothermia are just too long!

### Lost Uniform

Maybe I should just call this newsletter the clothing newsletter! Some children have already mislaid their new uniforms. Can I please ask every parent to check that the ones their children are wearing has their name in and not someone else's! Can you also check that all items of uniform have a name in. We have had some lost property which was unidentified. It makes it particularly difficult after swimming when children's clothing seems to mysteriously migrate around the changing rooms during a swimming session!

### Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A sheet will be available to sign up on from Monday onwards in the foyer. If you can't make it into school please just ring and let us know when you would like to come or send a note in with a couple of preferred times on with your child.

### Remembrance Celebration

 Next Friday, we are holding our Remembrance Day celebration morning. Children will be singing a selection of war time songs and reading some poems followed by a quick tea/ coffee and cake break before we head to the war memorial by the church to lay a wreath. All parents, grandparents and members of the community are invited to come and join in the singing and help us remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. The songs and lyrics can be found on the school website – please practise at home! We will start at 9.30am and be at the memorial at 11am. That's all for now, hopefully see everyone next Friday. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

*D Moore*