

Diary Dates:

Sept

15th Y4 Aglionby Wetlands
22nd Class 3 Swimming begins
23rd Photo Day
24th Nasal Flu immunisations

Oct

9th & 14th Parent Eve's

PTFA Disco

The PTFA Halloween Disco is organised for Thursday 23rd October. Keep an eye out for the flyer.

Google Calendar

The school [Parent Google calendar](#) is up and running again. We will try to keep things as up to date as possible on there. You can find the link under Quicklinks on the website.



Bikes and scooters

It is great to see children coming to school on bikes and scooters and this is something we want to continue. We have had some close calls with our younger children in the Infants and our car park, therefore please can you remind your children that there is **NO** cycling or scootering by juniors on the school premises. If you come on a bike then a helmet **MUST** be worn otherwise we will not allow the child to leave school on the bike at the end of the day.



Dear Parents,

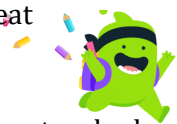
Holiday, WHAT holiday! Yep we are back into the swing of things and trying to get used to the routines once more. What I can say is that the children have made a brilliant start to the year. Year three have settled in to their new classrooms quickly in what seems like a seamless transition. I have been round the whole school lots of times this week and I cannot believe how calm it all appears. Long may it last.

The weather has not been kind to us on return to school but we have managed to get out at playtimes and even the odd day on the grass. I was hoping for an Indian summer as the children love getting to use the field.



We have some great things to look forward to this term with trips out of school, the Year 4 residential to Lockerbie Manor, the Halloween disco, Harvest festival, Christmas concert, music concert, swimming lessons, etc. etc.

With all that going on I'm certainly looking forward to a great term ahead.



ClassDojo

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to Class Dojo. This is the school app for communicating what we are up to or for quick messages. It is free so please do not sign up for any extras. It has been great to hear so many positive comments about the Dojo from parents so it looks like it is here to stay. If you are not on it then you are missing out. Any parents who are not will be pestered by school to create a login. Anyone having difficulty then please do speak to me and I will do what I can to sort the issue. **Please remember that absences from school go through the school office.**

Headteacher's Awards



Great effort from this weeks' Head Teacher's Award winners. First one of the year. Well done on a super start.

Photos

The schools data collection form always causes a few issues for photographs. I completely understand if you do not wish your child to be photographed. Please remember that if that is the case then we cannot have children in the school class photos, sports day photos, school productions, residential trips, winning certificates, the school website/newsletter or when we send articles to the newspaper, plus many other occasions. Some families have been unaware that this is the case, if you would like to review your choice on photographs then please do get in touch with our school office.



Holidays in term time

Holidays in term time of five full days or more are now issued a fixed penalty notice of £80 per child per parent. That would be a fine of £320 for a family of four. These fines are issued by the Local Authority **not** the school. Schools are required by law to provide the attendance information to the Local Authority.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

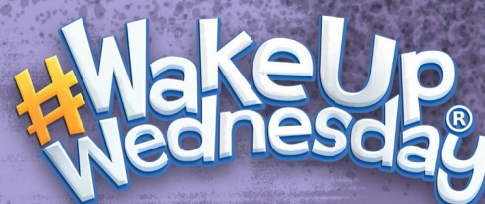
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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