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Thursday Thoughts 12th September 2024

For those of you who are new to our school, welcome. For those of you who are returning – it is so great to see you back.

We use Thursday Thoughts to help you to keep a track of all the things that your children might forget to tell you about when they get home and to provide you with reminders about clubs, dates and school events to help you with forward planning for the rest of term (and year). We are going to put this fortnightly update onto our website as well as e-mailing it to you, so remember to check your in-box. If your family would like more than one copy of Thursday Thoughts, let us know by emailing the additional email address to parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk. Thank you.

We hope that you are all looking forward to an exciting new term ahead! We know we are.

Holiday Dates for your Diary:

October Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Christmas Holiday – School closes on Friday 20th December and reopens on Tuesday 7th January

February Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Easter Holiday: School closes on Friday 4th April and reopens on Tuesday 22nd April

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

May Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Summer Holiday – School closes on Friday 18th July

Cumberland County Council highlights the importance of regular and timely school attendance. Attending school, unless there is a very good reason for absence, is vital. Getting to school on time means that your child starts the day well and with their friends.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 doors open at 8.30 am and we take our registers at 8.45 am. Registers close at 9 am. If you arrive after 9 am, you will be asked to sign your child in at the main door.

Our Little Owls' gate and our Little Fawns' door open at 8.45 am.

School closes at 3.15 pm and all our doors and gates open then. (Some Little Owls and Little Fawns children will be picked up earlier from their doors.)

We work alongside Inglewood Juniors and so the silver gate will not open until 3.05 pm as both schools could still be outside until this time.

We know that children can catch things and so we ask you to inform school of any unavoidable absence on the first day.

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If you are unsure whether your child should be in school or not, the <https://www.nenc-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/> website is really useful and you can download the app onto your phone.

Parents may request term time absence **only in special or exceptional circumstances**; this should be made in writing to the head teacher, giving as much notice as possible.

Personal Items:

Please can you ensure that your child's name is clearly written in their uniform, bags, coats and on their water bottles. This makes it easier to return any misplaced items to the rightful owner. One red jumper looks like any other to a child. A useful tip is to draw a shape or put a coloured dot on the label as well, as this can be quicker for younger children to recognise.

Thanks.

Acorns, Fawns, Owls, Squirrels and Hedgehogs Home Information Sheets.

Thank you for returning these.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2

If any information has changed from last year, can you let the school office know. You can do this via the Arbor App or by emailing: parent@inglewood-inf.cumbria.sch.uk

It is very important to keep your contact and emergency details up to date. Thanks.

School Photos:

School photo day is on Tuesday 22nd October.
Further details to follow.

Breakfast, Milk, Fruit and Water:

Breakfast bagels will be provided again this term. A daily portion of fruit is also provided. There will be no charge for milk (or milk alternative) this term. Water is available all day and we strongly discourage children from bringing in juice in their water bottles as other children may be affected by the chemicals and sweeteners in it. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Meet the teachers and see the classroom

This is an informal chance to see where your child will be learning this year and put faces to the teachers' names.

- Hedgehogs and Squirrels – 2.30 pm on
- Pear Class (Y1) – 2.45pm on Tuesday 24th September
- Cherry Class (Y1) – 2.45pm on Wednesday 25th September
- Apple Class (Y1) - 2.45 pm on Thursday 26th September
- Holly and Ivy (Y2) – dates to follow

Progress Parents' Evenings will be later this half term.

PE Timetable until October Half Term

Please remember that children should be in school uniform every day but may come in plain leggings / joggers with their red tops over their PE t-shirt on PE Days.

Little Fawns Monday	Reception Hedgehog & Squirrel Classes	Year 1 Apple Cherry & Pear Classes	Year 2 Holly & Ivy Classes
Little Owls Thursday	Wednesday – all classes Friday – all classes	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Friday

Health and Safety Reminders:

- ✓ Thank you for not driving down School Road and parking carefully avoiding our neighbours' drives.
- ✓ St Elisabeth's Church has asked us to remind you not to use it as a car park at pickup and drop off time.
- ✓ Only assistance dogs are allowed on school grounds and dogs should not be tied up near to school fences.

Please remind your child about road safety, online safety and stranger danger.

When walking near a road it is a good idea to:

hold your child's hand - don't let them run ahead.

look out for and encourage your child to be aware of hidden entrances or driveways crossing the pavement.

put reins on a younger child if they're not strapped in a pushchair.

There are lots of useful resources online regarding online safety and the dangers of talking to strangers.



Grandparents' Day: A date for their diary.

From 1.30 pm on Friday 4th October, your child's grandparent, auntie, uncle or special person will be able to come into school and enjoy some learning with them. More details next time.

Fare Share.

Every Wednesday we sell Fareshare bags.

These are available at a cost of £1.00 per bag. First come first served.

The bags can be collected from the school office from 2.30 pm.