



A place where every child has
the chance to shine.



Cowling Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter Friday 8th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back this week and to see their faces as they spot the changes which have taken place over the summer holiday. In Phase 1 of the works, our school kitchen has been transformed and more than doubled in size providing much needed space for Mrs Akeroyd and Mrs Ashby, who produce approximately 100 delicious home cooked meals every day. They were working in a tiny kitchen with hardly any preparation surfaces! On the side of the hall, there is a folding partition separating the Carpet Hall and Main Hall ensuring children can concentrate—especially when PE is taking place indoors. We now have a new classroom at the end of the Carpet Hall which will provide a dedicated intervention area for groups. Currently, it is providing office facilities until Phase 2 of the works are completed—the builders are aiming to finish on November 8th. In Phase 2, the school entrance and school office will be revamped and a headteacher's office built. There will be a new door into the staff room and a new floor in Class 2 as the Victorian flooring had certainly exceeded its sell-by date.

We are grateful to NYCC for funding the project and to Walter Thompson Builders. I am also extremely grateful to all parents, carers, children and staff who are bearing with us while the builders are on site. Should you require access to school please come up the ramp near Mrs Pease's classroom and buzz the intercom.

As you can imagine, ensuring there is sufficient teaching, admin and storage space in the interim period until the works are complete, has been quite challenging. On Monday our hall was still full of bookcases, tables, chairs and assorted kitchen equipment! The staff did an incredible job ensuring school was up and running for the children on Tuesday morning. I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to showing you the new building when all the work is finally complete! At the end of the school day could I ask all Parents and Carers to come as far into the playground as they are able to help teachers match pupils to their families. Feel free to come all the way down onto the main playground.

The children, especially our 13 new Reception pupils, have all made an excellent start to the school year and we are excited to see just how much all our children can achieve. Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home, it really does make a difference.

With best wishes

Susan Marshall

(Headteacher)



Welcome to Cowling! Our first week in school!



Dinner's ready — our first lunch in the
brand new kitchen!

Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons

Our Year 3/4 children begin swimming lessons at Pendle Leisure Centre, Colne on Wednesday. We believe it is vitally important all children learn to swim, not only as it could be potentially life saving, but it is also lots of fun and a great way to keep fit. Lessons are led by skilled staff and for those children who can already swim their skills are developed to refine strokes, build up pace and stamina. We have enjoyed great success in recent swimming galas and I know the children are always very keen to represent their school in the swimming squad. The cost of swimming is subsidised by school and we are grateful to all parents and carers who support the cost of lessons each week. Please send your child into school for 8.45am each Wednesday. Girls wear a one-piece swimming costume. Boys wear trunks (not swimming shorts as these are too long). Children with long hair need a swimming cap and earrings must be removed—ideally before school. Children with inhalers need one in their swimming bag otherwise the pool will not allow them to

Congratulations to Miss Bamber on the safe arrival of baby Henry. We look forward to meeting him soon!

Congratulations to Miss Scothern who returns to school as Mrs Amos following her Summer wedding.

Welcome back Mrs Nelson! Mrs Nelson returns to us on phased return following long-term sick leave.

School dinners are cooked on site in our brand new kitchen and taste fantastic. The price of a school dinner is **£2.10 per day**. All infants currently receive a free hot school lunch under the Government's universal meals policy.

Happy Birthday to:

Eva Hay and to everyone who had a birthday in the summer holidays

From all your friends at
Cowling Primary School

Cowling Primary School Pupils of the Week

Pupils of the week awarded for effort, enthusiasm, class contributions, imagination and Maths.

Mrs Antal's Class: Sophie Raynsford and James Swales.

Mrs Amos and Mrs Symond's Class: Alfie Whittingham-Stevens and Connie Parkin.

Mrs Nelson's Class: Amelia Green and Esme Palmer.

Mrs Dawson's Class: Sarah Stubley and Jack Lightfoot.

Mrs Pease and Mr Ollerton's Class: Casey Roberts and Eve Smith.



HIGH 5 NETBALL SESSION

for girls aged 7-11 (Key stage 2)!

When: Starting Thursday 14th September 5:30-6:30pm Ermysteds Sports hall

If you want to **sign up** for this new netball session, please email your daughter's name, age and contact details, to the email address below **asap!**

Contact Caroline @ thewinnies@sky.com hurry, places are limited!



Look what we've grown!
Thank you Mrs Mercer for all your help