



Irthington Village School
Irthington
Nr Carlisle
Cumbria
CA6 4NJ
Tel: 01228 212050



Email: admin@irthingtonvillage.cumbria.sch.uk
<http://www.irthingtonvillage.cumbria.sch.uk/>

Headteacher Lynn Harrison

14th February 2017

Dear Parents,

In a previous letter I referred to the possibility of applying for planning permission to extend the school. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the travel plans. We are now in a position to submit the planning application and thought you would like to know about the rationale and some of the proposed details.

The reason we think we need to add another classroom is because over the last few years the school has steadily grown and seen the introduction of Nursery provision. The Government has discussed the possibility of offering Nursery children the option of 30 hours' free provision. In order to facilitate the 30 hours (essentially a full school day) we would like to have one classroom for Nursery and Reception as they share the EYFS curriculum, one classroom for Year One and Two as they share the KS1 curriculum and two more classrooms, one for Year Three and Four (lower KS2 curriculum) and the last one for Years Five and Six (upper KS2 curriculum). We do not want to increase the number on roll at all. We currently have between 80 and 85 children in school depending on the number of Nursery children. The additional classroom will enable us to reduce the number of children in any one class and provide a more effective learning classroom. The new classroom will be a mirror image of Mrs Swteetman's room and be built where we currently have the decked area. We have also planned for some internal restructuring which makes the school hall a little bigger, additional cloakroom, a corridor which will sweep around the hall and lead to each classroom (thus avoiding walking through the hall and classrooms) and even has possibility to open up the ceiling space for a mezzanine to be used as a library or resource area.

Obviously in the current financial climate the Local Authority have no funds for such a project. The Governors have ear-marked some funds towards the cost of the project, but we will require significant fundraising or applications for grants. One fundraising idea is to have people buy a brick for a set fee and have your name etched in the brick (similar to the Stadium of Light), but I would really welcome any fundraising ideas or pockets of funds that I might tap into! Any help at all, donations or suggestions to make this project happen will be very much appreciated.

We have children from Hayton Brownies selling Marie Currie daffodils. If your child would like to buy on, please send in £1.

After the half term Red Noses will be on sale at break times. These cost £1 each.

On Sunday 5th March (10am - 12 midday) the Governors have arranged a 'school tidy up session' which have previously been very well attended. Basically anyone and their children come along, bring some tools or equipment and help with the gardening, fence repairs, pond sweeping, weeding, some internal minor repairs such as sanding down and repainting a small area in the kitchen and generally giving the school grounds a good tidy. Refreshments will be served to all volunteers. If you think you might be able to come along, please indicate on the attached slip.

After half term we are able to offer some after school clubs these are;

Day	Teacher/helper	Club	Which pupils
Monday	Mr Bulmer	Football	Year Two, Three, Four, Five and Six
Monday	Miss Young	Running Club	
Wednesday	Di Bryant	Coding/automation	Class Three
Wednesday	Mrs Harrison	Sports and Games club	Class Reception and Year One
Wednesday	Mrs Evans	Paper craft	Year Two, Three, Four, Five and Six

Please complete the attached slip and return to school by Friday morning. Confirmation of places will be sent home. As usual we will require a £1 per session contribution to help cover some of the costs.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing half term,

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison

Headteacher.

.....

School Tidy up. Sunday 5th March 10 -12 mid-day.

Names of volunteers	I can bring the following tools/equipment

My child would like to attend the following clubs.

Day	Teacher/helper	Club	Pupil name
Monday	Mr Bulmer	Football	
Monday	Miss Young	Running Club	
Wednesday	Di Bryant	Coding/automation	
Wednesday	Mrs Harrison	Sports and Games club	
Wednesday	Mrs Evans	Paper craft	