



NEWSLETTER

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HALF TERM

It has been a busy half term as always. In school, the heating systems have been fully replaced and there will be some finishing off over half term. I have been in touch with Mrs Stables who is recovering well. She would like to thank the Cummersdale Parents' Group for the card and the chocolates which she received this week. We hope to see her back in school at some point next half term, but in the meantime Miss Smith will continue to teach Y5/6 with Mrs Wakefield teaching Y3/4 full time. One or two children are suffering with long running colds and many children are noticeably tired so hopefully half term will provide the break they need and I look forward to seeing everyone happy and healthy on February 27th.

READING COMPETITION AND WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 3rd March the school will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book and ideally bring that book with them. After an initial assembly, the children will return to class and carry out various book related activities.

Last year, the school held a reading competition with almost every child in school taking part. It helped to build confidence and improve public speaking. This will take place again with the finals taking place on Friday 3rd March.

Over half term, children should find a short passage from a book or a poem and during the first week they would read this to their teacher. Children do not need to memorise their readings. The teacher will then choose a small number to go through to the final on Friday which will be in front of the school.

INTERNET SAFETY

Yesterday, Miss Smith took an assembly for Y1 – 6 based on Internet Safety. The children saw short films and discovered the importance of staying safe whilst online. They then returned to class and followed up with various activities. A letter with further information should accompany this newsletter.

DINNERS AND LIVERPOOL TRIP

Just a reminder that almost £500 is owed to the school for dinners at the moment. Please settle any bills as soon as possible. I would also like to remind the parents of those children in Year 5/6 that final payment for the Liverpool Trip (£100 for most children) is due by Friday 10th March.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After half term, there are one or two new clubs. Cookery is for Y3 children. Miss Smith is running a dance club and Mrs Wakefield is running the popular Weird Science Club when various strange and messy experiments will take place. Chess is stopping but it is hoped that at least one friendly chess match will be arranged against another school. Y1/2 children will have the opportunity to go to multi sports where a mixture of football, hockey, netball, tennis and cricket may be done. Come prepared for all weathers as it can only take place outside. In the event of extreme weather, it may have to be cancelled. Gymnastics, Art Club and Junior Football will continue as before. A grid of activities should accompany this newsletter.

'U' DANCE, ENJOY-A-BALL and TENNIS

With 'U' Dance rapidly approaching on March 10th, Y3/4 will be rehearsing at various times during the next two weeks. It would be helpful if Y3/4 could keep their kits in school. Reception children will be taking part

in Enjoy-a-ball sessions with Flip Flop Flo after half term. PE kits will be needed on a Wednesday except for the first week back when she will be in on a Tuesday.

Following on from the success of badminton with Ben Davidson, Tracey Burrus will be coming in to school on Thursday afternoons to coach tennis starting 9th March. Hopefully this session will be outdoors each week.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Joe Minnett (Y1)** for making a huge amount of progress with his phonics and his reading. Last week's **Pupil of the Week** was **Luke Barwick (Y1)** for trying really hard with his reading and writing.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Harry Mitchell (Rec)** for always helping to tidy the Reception classroom. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Hannah Webster (Rec)** for being a great help to Miss Smith at playtime.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 27/02/17

Monday	Gymnastics	Y3-6	Mrs Scott	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Y1/2	Mrs Scott/Mrs Barratt	8.15 – 8.45am
Tuesday	Recorders	Y3-6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Tuesday	Multi-Sports	Y1-2	Mr Jones/Miss Beardwood	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Art Club	Y3-6	Mrs Graham	3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Dance Club	Y3-6	Miss Smith	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y3	Zoe/Mrs Barratt/Mrs Scott	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Weird Science	Y4 – 6	Mrs Wakefield	3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday	Junior Football	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27/02/17	Half term begins
03/03/17	World Book Day/Reading Competition
07/03/17	Y3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey
08/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics
09/03/17	Tracey Burrus tennis Coaching (Y3/4 and Y5/6)
09/03/17	CSSA 5-a-side at The Sands (Y3/4 only)
10/03/17	'U' Dance Rehearsal (12.30pm) and performance (6.30pm) for Y3/4
17/03/17	Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala, The Pools (new date)
18/03/17	ESFA Small Schools Northern Final, Newcastle
20/03/17	The Big Pedal' cycling initiative begins
23/03/17	Y3/4 Football & Netball Festival at Caldew
24/03/17	Comic Relief Day
27/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip departs
29/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip returns
30/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics Final: Penrith
31/03/17	Cummersdale Parents' Group Quiz Night
04/04/17	Reception Class Assembly
06/04/17	Cummersdale Parents' Group Chocolate Bingo (3.30pm)
07/04/17	Easter Service: St James' Church
07/04/17	Finish for Easter

More dates will be added throughout the term