



NEWSLETTER

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READ, WRITE, INC.

Following four of the staff receiving training, the school are about to start using Read, Write, Inc as a way of teaching Reading, Phonics and Spelling. The children from Reception to Year 4 have all been assessed and will work in various groups at the right level. Some children who are confident with their reading will work on their spelling, as well as other literacy tasks instead. Sessions will generally take place at 9.00am each day and will be led by teachers and teaching assistants. Reception children have been following this scheme since November and a number of children have made rapid progress. As a result of this new exciting programme, spellings will not be coming home on a weekly basis as previously.

RECEPTION VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION

Following a successful visit to Tesco, Reception's tour of Carlisle continues next week with a trip to the Fire Station on Friday 27th January. The children will leave school at 9.30am and return at approximately 11.30am in time for lunch. Normal uniform should be worn and Mrs Graham, Miss Beardwood and Mrs Vickers will accompany the children.

DAVID ALMOND – Author in School

The celebrated author, David Almond who wrote 'Skellig' is coming to Cummersdale School on Monday 23rd January. Following a whole school assembly, he will work with the children in Y5/6 hopefully revealing just how he has become a successful author.

SPORT

Well done to the children who went to Eden Rock to take part in the bouldering competition. It was the first time Cummersdale had taken part and it was most pleasing to come 8th in the mixed event and 2nd in the boys' event. All the children had to try climbing 15 different routes, many of which were overhanging or with tiny hand holds. Fynn Wilson and Benjamin Staddon managed 13 and 12 successful climbs respectively.

Good luck to the football team and the gymnastics teams who are both in action next Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 25th January, the school will hold its annual cross-country races. All children will take part with Reception, Y1 and Y2 running around the perimeter of the school grounds and Y3 – 6 running around Cummersdale Holmes. Children will need something warm and comfortable to run in which won't matter if it gets muddy. The Junior race will take place at 2.15pm with the children returning up the hill to watch the Infants who will race at approximately 2.45pm. Children may go home in their kits if it is more convenient. Parents may come and watch and help is always needed if you would like to marshal on the course. See Mr Jones if you are able to.

AUSTIN FRIARS YEAR 6 FAMILY SCIENCE DAY

An invitation letter has been issued too Year 6 children about a Family Science Day at Austin Friars on Friday 10th March. With it taking place on a Friday afternoon, a family member needs to attend. Whilst this may not be convenient for some, it is a worthwhile event and authorised absence will be given to anyone who attends.

'U' DANCE

Just a quick reminder that tickets for this event are now on sale at The Sands Centre. Several parents are still to return their forms to school.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Ayser Maxwell (Rec)** for making really good progress, especially in Maths. Last week's Pupil of the Week was **Llio Richards(Y1)** trying hard in all areas.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Maci Grice (Y1)** for sharing her PE equipment in Enjoy-a-ball. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Fynn Wilson(Y5)** for offering to help Ben, the badminton coach with his bags..

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 23/01/17

Monday	Gymnastics	Competitors	Mrs Scott	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Competitors	Mrs Scott/Mrs Barratt	8.15 – 8.45am
Tuesday	Chess	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Art Club	Y3-6	Mrs Graham	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Recorders	Y3-6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y4	Zoe/Mrs Barratt/Mrs Scott	3.15 – 4.00pm
Friday	Junior Football	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23/01/17	David Almond, author of 'Skellig' to visit school
25/01/17	School Cross-Country (Reception – Year 6)
26/01/17	Y6 Literacy Day at Caldew
27/01/17	Reception Trip to the Fire Station, Durrhill
27/01/17	Chinese New Year
30/01/17	Cross Country: Caldew
28/01/17	Boys' Football, The Sands Competition (am)
28/01/17	Gymnastics: County Championships, Carlisle Gym Club
30/01/17	Handwriting Competition
16/02/17	Dental Survey for 5 year olds
16/02/17	Reception Trip to Tullie House
17/02/17	Talent Show (pm)
17/02/17	Finish for half term
27/02/17	Half term begins
01/03/17	Carlisle Schools' Swimming Gala, The Pools
03/03/17	World Book Day/Reading Competition
08/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics
10/03/17	'U' Dance Rehearsal (12.30pm) and performance (6.30pm) for Y3/4
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
27/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip departs
29/03/17	Y5/6 Liverpool trip returns
30/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics Final: Penrith
07/04/17	Finish for Easter

More dates will be added throughout the term