



NEWSLETTER

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HANDWRITING

At Cummersdale, we pride ourselves on the quality of our handwriting with those higher up the school being encouraged to use fountain pens. An annual competition takes place where each child copies a poem in their best handwriting. There's even a hotly contested staff competition! Rev. Simon Bickersteth from St. James' Church very kindly gave up his time to come and judge the entries.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Reception	Hannah Webster	Oscar Lund	Abigail Story
Y1	Maci Grice	Jessica Evans	Luke Barwick
Y2	Lola McGinley	Harriet Richardson	Peyton Richards
Y3	Katie Huddart	Ruby Casey	Lucy Pearson
Y4	Charlotte Scott	Lucy Ewbank	Dylan Ballingall
Y5	Charlotte Delin	Jack Barratt	Ryley English
Y6	Liam Morris	Allister Johnstone	Megan Menery
Staff	Mrs Wakefield	Mrs Barratt	Miss Brecken

PE AND PE KITS

At a school council meeting before Christmas, the forgetting of PE kits was discussed. Unfortunately it is a frustration for the staff as time is wasted finding an alternative kit or children have to sit and watch which is a waste of their time. The class also lose PE time whilst the teacher has to find kit or arrange an alternative for the child who has forgotten. As a result, the council decided that an alternative kit should be available for those who forget but there is a fee for borrowing it which would be paid from Cummersdale Cash. Whilst the vast majority do remember their kits, a small minority do need to remember their kits on PE days which are:

Reception	Tuesday and Friday	Y1/2	Monday and Wednesday
Y3/4	Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday	Y5/6	Thursday

This will take effect from next Monday following the heating repairs which temporarily meant the hall was out of action.

SLIPPERS

Many of you will have seen Cummersdale children in the News and Star (Thursday) in an article about the wearing of slippers. The purpose of slippers (or indoor shoes) is to have something clean to wear around school. Unfortunately, some children do not have indoor shoes in school and often lesson time can be wasted looking for them. Please ensure that your child has indoor shoes in school. In a similar way to PE kits, children will lose Cummersdale Cash if indoor shoes are not in school.

Y5/6 WALK AROUND CUMMERSDALE

Y5/6 are learning about 'Cummersdale and Carlisle'. As part of their topic they will be walking around Cummersdale looking at buildings and land use. This will take place on Tuesday afternoon or on the first opportunity thereafter. Miss Smith and Mrs Scott will accompany the children. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school on Tuesday.

LOST PROPERTY

The school's lost property box is overflowing. It has been emptied and any named items have been returned to their owners. All other items are on tables in the hall. These will be left here for children and parents to check until Tuesday morning.

FOOTBALL & GYMNASTICS

Well done to these two teams who were in action on Saturday morning. The footballers played well in their four matches at The Sands Centre winning two (Irthington 7-1 and Kirkbride 1-0) and losing two Canonbie (1-2) and Broughton (1-3). The gymnasts performed well on the floor and on the vault with the girls' team being well placed and the boys' team of Jack Barratt, James Delin, Brody Johnston and Benjamin Staddon gaining a silver medal. Well done to all!

CPG MEETING

The Cummersdale Parents Group are having a meeting in school on Friday 10th February. If you are interested in finding out about

CPG or helping at events, please come along or see Laura Baxter (Fynn Y5 & Toby (Rec))

CROSS COUNTRY

On a beautiful winter's day, all the children at school took part in cross country races. The Juniors ran around a hilly course by the river at Cummersdale Holmes, whilst the Infants tackled a twisty course around the school field and perimeter of the school. The winners were:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Reception Boys	Dalton Cayne	Oliver Ramshaw	Joey Wall
Reception Girls	Hannah Webster	Isabella Hamilton	Abigail Story
Y1/2 Boys	Lucas Forster	Alfie Mitchell	George Wall
Y1/2 Girls	Sophie Reay	Skye Ballingall	Macy Patton
Junior Boys	Ryley English	Jack Barratt	Harry Barratt
Junior Girls	Holly Saward	Jennifer Thompson	Abbie Reay

This was followed by the Rural South Carlisle cross-country at Caldew School which took place on a cold, damp afternoon. Racing against the best runners from many schools our children performed well with Jennifer Thompson just outside the placings in 4th place.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Caleb Johnston (Y3)** for making a huge effort and a having a much improved attitude since Christmas. Last week's Pupil of the Week was **Nathaniel Pearson (Rec)** being really attentive on the visit to the Fire Station.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Harriet Richardson (Y2)** for assisting Mr Jones with litter picking without being asked. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Liam Morris (Y6)** for helping another runner during the cross country race.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 06/02/17

Monday	Gymnastics	Juniors	Mrs Scott	3.15- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Infants	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 – 4.15pm
Friday	Junior Football	Y3-6	Mr Jones	3.15- 4.15pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
07/03/17	Y3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey
08/03/17	Key Steps Gymnastics
09/03/17	CSSA 5-a-side at The Sands (Y3/4 and Y5/6)
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