



NEWSLETTER

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This is the final newsletter of the term. Christmas festivities are well under way here at Cummersdale with rehearsals, the pantomime trip and Christmas Dinner all having taken place. Ex-members of staff and Governors also attended Christmas dinner and special thanks must go to Zoe who worked very hard to produce a meal for over 100 people. Finally on behalf of the staff and governors of the school, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We finish school at 1.15pm on Friday 16th December and I look forward to seeing everyone return to school refreshed on Thursday 5th January.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Next Tuesday the whole school are involved in productions which will take place at Caldew School's Performing Arts Theatre. During the morning, the children will be transported to Caldew for a rehearsal, but will return to school for lunch before being transported back again for the performances. The Infant production 'Humph the Camel' will begin at 1.45pm (*not 1.30pm as previously mentioned*). This will be followed by the Junior production of 'The Rocky Monster Show'. The Rocky Monster Show lasts longer than previous productions so it is anticipated that the finish time of both shows will be 3.15pm. Here are a few reminders which will help things run smoothly:

- Entrance to Caldew is through the door to the theatre at the front of the school to the left of the main Reception. Do not arrive before 1.15pm.
- The basketball courts at the rear of the school have been allocated for parking. Do not park in the bays at the front of the school.
- All costumes need to be in school for Monday.
- We are assuming that the vast majority of children will be picked up from Caldew. However, if this is not possible parents must let school know so that they can be transported back by car with the teachers after the performance.
- Uniform and packed lunch boxes will be left at school on Tuesday. They are not needed on Wednesday as it is the party (non-uniform) and party buffet. School will be closed after the production until the staff return from Caldew.
- The theatre holds 120 people which is enough, but please be prepared to squeeze up.
- There is no charge for entrance but there will be a retiring collection which helps to fund travel to Caldew, costumes, music and copyright.
- Whilst photos and filming are permitted, please do not post images of children other than your own on social media.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Next Wednesday, 'party day', will be non-uniform and party clothes can be worn all day. The Infant party will take place in the morning with the Junior party taking place in the afternoon.

BOOK BAGS

As there are many activities going on next week, there will be no need for book bags to be brought in to school after today (Friday). PE kits will not be needed either.

PANTOMIME

Thanks to all the parents who joined us on our trip to Newcastle. As always, it was a very entertaining trip enjoyed by all. We have provisionally booked tickets for next year's production of Peter Pan on Friday 1st December 2017.

DINNERS

A number of parents do owe significant amounts for school dinners. Please settle these bills before the next term begins.

MISS QUEENAN

There will be a leaving assembly at 2.30pm on Thursday 15th December to give the children chance to say goodbye to Miss Queenan. Parents are welcome to attend.

SANTA DASH

Several children from school are taking part in the Santa Dash on Sunday around Carlisle Castle and Bitts Park. Members of Mrs Wakefield's running club are taking part and their outfits have been kindly donated by Cecil Street Auto Repairs. The children involved need to meet at the tennis courts on Bitts Park at 11.15am. A word of warning – there will be lots of Santas there! Also look out for a photo and report about the children in this week's Cumberland News.

SPORT

Children from Y4, 5 and 6 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at Caldew. They came 3rd place overall and perhaps the highlight was winning the relays.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Alfie Mitchell (Y2)** for his hard work in class and determination at after school football. Last week's Pupil of the Week was **Macy Patton (Y2)** for trying really hard and doing very well in her spellings.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Aaron Walker (Rec)** for being a good listener. He's been listening really well to the teacher and as a result has made super progress. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Johnathan Pearson (Y1)** for trying hard with his reading and always having a smile on his face.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are no after school clubs next week. After school clubs will start again on Monday January 16th. A new list will be distributed at the start of next term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13/12/16	Infants and Junior Productions, Caldew Theatre
14/12/16	Infant Party (am) and Junior Party (pm)
16/12/16	End of Term (1.15pm)
05/01/17	Term begins
28/01/16	Boys Football, The Sands Competition (am)
18/03/17	ESFA Small Schools Northern Final, Newcastle

More dates will be added next term