



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. This is the final paper copy of the newsletter unless parents have returned their form and requested a paper copy. Many thanks to all those parents who have provided an e-mail address and the next newsletter will be e-mailed out to them. To receive the newsletter by e-mail, please let Mrs Crellen in the office have any relevant e-mail addresses. The newsletter will continue to be available on facebook and the school website.

OFSTED

As you all know, the school had an Ofsted Inspection on the penultimate day of term. This certainly made the end of term slightly more chaotic than normal! The Inspector was very fair and made many positive comments about the school as well as recommendations as to how the school can move forward. Thank you to all parents who completed the online questionnaire and/or spoke to the Inspector in the morning. The report, which comes in the form of a letter, will be available soon and will be on the school and Ofsted website.

STAFFING

Mrs Stables will be returning to work this term after her operation. I must thank Miss Smith who has done an excellent job stepping in to take Y5/6 at a crucial time of the year. She will continue to do some teaching in Y5/6 in the next couple of weeks before moving in to Y3/4 where she will share the teaching with Mrs Wakefield.

CUMMERSDALE PARENTS' GROUP

The two events at the end of last term were a great success. All those who attended the quiz seemed to thoroughly enjoy the night. A huge thank you must go to Kevin Mitchell for being an excellent quizmaster, devising some very appropriate and entertaining rounds and controlling some quite vocal contestants!

This was followed shortly afterwards by the Chocolate Bingo. This was a success with young Fynn Wilson stepping in at the last minute to act as bingo caller. The two events combined raised over £750 for school.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ROUTINE

At the moment, we are trying a couple of different ways of releasing our children at the end of the day. Reception children will be collected as normal. Y1/2 children will wait in the cloakroom until a parent/whoever is collecting them is visible, Y3/4 will wait in their classroom and will come out of their double doors, again when a parent is visible. Y5/6 who are a little older will come out of the back door as before, but are likely to be the last class out.

In order that we can safely let the children out of school and see who is on site, children will not be permitted to use the pirate ship or go on the MUGA at the end of the school day.

May I also remind parents that it is important for you to let the school know if your child is being collected by another parent or by a different relative than normal.

Coming in to school will remain the same, but as before, parents need only come in to school if they need to speak to a member of staff and children should line up rather than wait with parents.

SPORT

This term, James Bell is coming in to schools on Wednesday afternoons to provide cricket coaching for Y3/4 and Y5/6. There will also be an after school cricket club on Wednesdays aimed at those who will represent the school in cricket competitions this summer.

Enjoy-a-ball continues for this half term for Reception on Wednesdays except for Wednesday 17th May.

Y1/2 will be swimming on Monday afternoons at Morton Pool starting on Monday 8th May. The children will travel by coach and will be accompanied by Mr Jones and Mrs Haughan. The children will be taught by Morton Pool staff. With the variable depth, it is a great opportunity for children to learn and gain confidence in the water. Unfortunately, any child that can't behave for the pool centre staff will be left at school in future weeks.

I have also listed a number of sporting events which are coming up, the first of which is the Novice Gymnastics Event on Saturday 13th May.

NUT ALLERGY

Cummersdale strives to be a nut free school. The catering staff and teachers are fully aware of this and never produce food with nuts. However, products containing peanuts are often found in packed lunch boxes or brought in to school for birthdays. Please be aware of this potentially life threatening hazard.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A new list of after school clubs has been issued for this half term. It is a short half term and with some staffing adjustments, there aren't as many clubs running. Also, disappointingly, Borderliners aren't running their popular Orienteering league this summer. Please return your slips and payment as soon as possible. Unfortunately if the slip and payment has not been received children will not be able to attend. This is to ensure that we have the correct children attending.

PE KITS

It is alarming again that so many children are forgetting kits on PE days. The school council agreed that those children should not only miss PE and practise tables/handwriting but also miss playtime as a punishment. In the summer months, it is wise to leave PE kits in school, perhaps from Monday to Friday.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Daniel Dawson (Y3)** for a really good start to the term and also impressing the Ofsted Inspector with his reading last term. Last week's **Pupil of the Week** was **Archie Edgar (Y1)** for making huge progress with his phonics.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Dalton Cayne (Rec)** for always being kind and making a good start to the term. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **James Parkinson(Y6)** for his kind and caring attitude and for always being a good friend.

This week's **Maths Whizz** winner is **Shayne Gumbo (Y6)** with last week's being **Harriet Richardson (Y2)**.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

w/b 1/05/17

Monday	Gymnastics*	Y1-6	Mrs Scott	3.15 – 4.15pm
Monday	Art Club*	Rec – Y2	Mrs Graham	3.15 – 4.15pm
Tuesday	Recorders	Y3-6	Mrs Barratt	10.20am
Wednesday	Cooking Club	Y2	Zoe/Mrs Barratt	3.15 – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Cricket Club	Y3-6	James Bell/Mr Jones	3.15 – 4.15pm
	* <i>Not on 1/5/17</i>			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8/5/17	Swimming begins for Y1/2
8/5/17	SATs Week (Y2 & Y6)
13/5/17	Novice Gymnastics Competition, Morton
18/5/17	Small Schools' Tennis Competition – Bitts Park (8 x Y3/4)
23/5/17	Governors' meeting
25/5/17	Cricket Competition, Lanercost
26/5/17	Finish for Half Term
5/6/17	Return to school
9/6/17	Quick Sticks Hockey Competition, Caldew (6 x Y3/4)
15/6/17	Tri Golf Competition (10 x Y3/4, 10 x Y5/6)
21/6/17	Athletics, Sheepmount
27/6/17	Carlisle Cathedral Workshop (Y3-6)
28/6/17	Science Day, Caldew (Y5)
29/6/17	Small School Rounders Competition, Cummersdale
3/7/17	Y6 Induction Day: Caldew, Morton, Trinity
6/7/17	Concert at Carlisle Cathedral (All children Y3-6)
10/7/17	KS1 Sports Festival , Caldew (Rec/Y1/Y2)
12/7/17	Y3/4 Cricket Festival, Wetheral
20/7/17	End of Term (1.15pm)