



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> December and I look forward to seeing everyone return to school refreshed on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Next Wednesday 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 and the Juniors will get chance to watch the Infants perform. The Juniors will remain at Caldew for a rehearsal with Ed for the evening concert. All children will return to school for lunch.

The Infant production 'The Sleepy Shepheress will begin at **2.00pm**. 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 1.45pm.
- 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 bus with the teachers after the performance.
- Uniform and packed lunch boxes will be left at school on Wednesday and not taken to Caldew. If it is essential to pick up uniform, please return to school after the performance.
- Costumes should be returned to school the following day.
- The theatre holds 120 people which is enough, but please be prepared to squeeze up.
- It is expected that the production will end by **2.40pm**.

The Junior Musical Extravaganza will take place at **7.00pm** on Wednesday evening and will involve all children from Y3 – 6. They will be singing a variety of Christmas Songs as well as some songs that they have practised earlier in the year. We expect all children to attend as the children have worked very hard towards this.

- Please arrive at Caldew and enter through the theatre door at the front of the school. Please make sure the children have arrived by **6.40pm**. School uniform with dark footwear should be worn.
- There is no charge for entrance but there will be a retiring collection which helps to fund travel to Caldew, costumes, music and copyright charges.
- There will be an interval and refreshments (kindly provided by CPG) will be available for a small charge.
- Whilst photos and filming are permitted, please do not post images of children other than your own on social media.
- The concert is due to finish at approximately **8.30pm**.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Next Tuesday, '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. There is no need to bring a donation on this occasion. There is also a party buffet instead of lunch that day.

## **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.

There will be no homework during the last week, but please, please, please can Junior children make a big effort to learn their song words.

## **MISS BEARDWOOD**

Miss Beardwood, who works mainly in Y1 and 2, will unfortunately be leaving Cummersdale at the end of term. She has successfully completed her Level 2 teaching assistant qualification. She has been a great help at the younger end of the school and built up good relationships with the children. Miss Beardwood hopes to continue her training as a teaching assistant and we may see her back at school at some point. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the best for the future.

## **DINNERS**

A number of parents do owe significant amounts for school dinners. Please settle these bills before the next term begins. A new dinner menu for the first half term after Christmas has been issued today. Please return by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

## **SPORT**

Children from Y3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics competition at The Sands. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the afternoon session and an impressive 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 29 schools overall. Perhaps the highlight was seeing two of our Y3 girls (Sophie and Skye) hold their own in races against Y6 girls, or Dominic holding on to win the boys' relay with a photo finish.

The school have also been awarded the School Games Mark Gold Award for their contribution to sport in 2016-17. We are one of only three schools in Carlisle and Eden to achieve this standard.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Neve Smith (Rec)** for having a really good half term and describing a naughty elf as 'mischievous'. Last week's Pupil of the Week was **Peyton Jesse (Rec)** for trying really hard and always arriving at school with a smile on her face, even after walking up the hill in the cold on the way to school!

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Hayden Wallace (Y5)** for making a new child at the school feel welcome. Last week's Kindness Cup winner was **Georgios Igoumenidis (Y2)** for being kind and thoughtful and getting in to the Christmas spirit!

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

There are no after school clubs next week. After school clubs will start again on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>. A new list of clubs has been organised

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

12/12/17	Infant Party (am) and Junior Party (pm)
13/12/17	Infants (2pm) and Junior Production (7pm), Caldew Theatre
15/12/17	End of Term (1.15pm)
04/01/18	Term begins