



## NEWSLETTER

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### SCHOOL SO FAR

Whilst restrictions are increasing across the country, school continues in pretty much the same way. It has been a good half term with the children getting fully immersed in their topics. Y5/6 have studied the book 'Brightstorm' and done some great imaginative and creative work based on the text. Y3/4 have loved their topic on Active Earth and hearing Mr Travers' enthusiasm for plate tectonics has been great. Y1/2 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on space and have gained some impressive knowledge and carried out some fascinating science experiments. Reception children are now settled and as well as making good progress with phonics and numbers, they are enjoying a variety of learning experiences as part of the continuous provision. I must thank all of the staff for their hard work and creativity in devising lessons and learning experiences which in difficult circumstances seem to have given the children 'magical moments and pockets full of memories'.

We will continue our 'soft' entry and exit to and from school, opening the doors at 8.45am. Registration is done at 8.55am and lessons start at 9am. Children arriving late often find it difficult as they miss the start of the lesson and don't have the right equipment/information. Please make sure you are not disadvantaging your child by arriving late.

If your child is not attending school for any reason, the best ways of letting us know are by ringing the school, leaving an answerphone message or e-mailing [admin@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk). A verbal message does not always get through to the office before 9.30am when we issue text messages for those pupils we don't know about. Also, may I remind parents to let school know if someone other than the normal arranged person is picking up.

### HARVEST

Many thanks to all parents who contributed so generously to the Harvest. Reverend Bickersteth collected all of the donations to take to St James' Foodbank.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that photos can be ordered online anytime up until midnight tonight. This is the easiest way of ordering and will result in free delivery to school.

### BLUEBELL PLANTING – Year 2

In liaison with the Parish Council, **Y2** will be planting bluebells next week at Cummersdale Copse (on the left as you come in to Cummersdale). This will take place on **Thursday** morning and children will need to bring wellies or old trainers and make sure they have a coat (and gloves if it's cold). The children will be accompanied by Mr Jones and Mrs Kwiatkowska. Hopefully the children will be able to visit the Copse in the Spring to see what they planted.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The school has been reviewing and updating its safeguarding procedures at the start of this year. A safeguarding information leaflet with information and a 'who's who' has been sent home today.

## **FANTASY FOOTBALL**

Lee Ormerod's 'Ole's Solskjstars' were not only the top scorers last week with 93 points but also now have leapfrogged Hannah Webster's 'HanRu City' to top the league. With the premier league resuming this weekend, it might be a good time good time to make a transfer or two.

## **ATTENDANCE**

It was good to give out an attendance spot prize last week on a day when the school had 100% attendance and another one will be given today. Y5 have an impressive 99.03% attendance rate so far this term and are the best year group, but Y2 and Y4 are hot on their heels. Keep up the good work!

## **DINNER MENU**

A new dinner menu has been issued today for the next half term. Please complete this and return by Monday. As it is nearing the end of the half term, may I remind those with outstanding dinner payments to settle them. I am very grateful to Karen Rooney who has done a fantastic job in the kitchen whilst our regular cook, Vicky has been away.

## **FLU IMMUNISATION AND DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

Please return either of these forms to school as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. For Reception children there is no need to return a form, but if you do not want your child to be tested by the audiologist, let them know.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Evie Lewis (Y3)** for trying really hard in all areas of learning. Last week's winners were **Kai Kirk (Rec)** for being much braver and settling down in class much quicker and **Rose Johnston (Y5)** for extremely good work across the curriculum. The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Ayser Maxwell (Y4)** for helping a younger child who had hurt themselves at playtime.

## **NUMBOTS CUP**

This week's winners are Alice Dickinson (**Y1**) and Zack Rankine (**Y2**) with Teddy Anderson and Mason Boyles being last week's winners.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

23/10/20	Finish for Half Term
2/11/20	New Half Term begins
7/12/20	Flu Immunisation
18/12/20	End of Term (1.15pm)

*More dates will be added throughout the term*