



NEWSLETTER

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END OF TERM ... AND END OF 2020!

We have made it to the end of term and can collectively breathe a sigh of relief. School has been quite different, but we have tried to make it as normal as possible. We have missed some activities which make our school special, but gained in many other ways. Some of the highlights for pupils and staff were the Art and Culture Week in November and the build up to Christmas in school which was fun, but if anything, slightly less chaotic. I hope all those who have wanted to have been able to view the school nativity.

My thanks must go to all the staff this term for rising to a number of different challenges to keep meaningful learning going and they have worked tremendously hard. Thanks also to yourselves for your patience and understanding. Finally, the children should get a lot of credit as their enthusiasm and smiles have kept everyone going and made it all worthwhile.

We are unsure what January will look like in school. We will carry on with the routines at the start and end of the school day which we have had so far and will continue with PE days. Whilst Before School and After School are still to return, information about these will be sent as soon as we return in January when the bigger picture is clearer, but these won't be happening during the first week back.

We return to school on Tuesday 5th January when we hope that 2021 will be a better year than 2020. We are optimistic in school that it will be and have already started planning various activities to enhance the learning and enable children to have those 'magical moments and pockets full of memories'.

Finally, on behalf of the governors and staff of Cummersdale School, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



ILLNESS

Hopefully all families will remain fit and healthy in the lead up to Christmas, but please let me know if your child needs to go for a Covid-19 test between now and Thursday 24th December as this may affect other pupils or staff. Ring the school mobile on 07787 502588 or email head@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk

PTA FAMILY QUIZ

Mr Hall organised a fun family quiz which 18 families took part in. Whilst my family struggled on the number of bones in the hand and when Euro Disney opened, we did well on music (I now know who Lil Naz X is!) and pictures (I'd recognise Wall E if I saw him!). Well done to the Richards Family (Peyton, Llio and Aoife) who top scored with 64, the Scott Family (Mrs Scott and ex pupils Charlotte and Emily) who were 2nd with 62 and the Rankines (Theo and Zack) and Barratts (Tom, Harry and Jack) who were joint third with 54.

AUTHOR BOOKS

If you ordered a copy of 'Unipiggle' or 'The Last Great Dodo', they should have come home today. Unfortunately, the signed plates to be inserted into the front of 'The Last Great Dodo' have not arrived and these will be distributed in January.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

At the time of writing, Dave Rankine's 'Hendo the Wait' are top of the league. Will he still be there after the busy Christmas Period?

ATTENDANCE

During this difficult term, attendance has remained high and the school's figure stands at 96.88%. This includes Y5's impressive attendance rate of 99.28% and 40 children who haven't missed a single day. Well done to everyone for your efforts in this area.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Alice Dickinson (Y1)** for some super singing and performing in the Nativity. **Aydenn Shanks (Y2)** was last week's winner for impressing Mrs K with his Maths work. **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** this week goes to **Llio Richards (Y5)** for always being helpful, volunteering to wait when there was a shortage of hockey sticks and being prepared to help other children. Last week this went to **Darcy Clarke (Y3)** for trying her hardest in all she does and always having a smile.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4/1/21	INSET Day
5/1/21	Start of Term
18/1/21	Design Technology Week

