



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome all the new starters and their parents to Cummersdale School. There are 14 children in Reception and they all seem to be settling in really well. Higher up the school, Emma-Rose Vince (Y4) and Angelique Macauley (Y6) have joined the school and Sophie Harman has re-joined which means that the school now has 103 pupils in total. It was great to hear about all the children's adventures from the holidays this week and see them entering school enthusiastically each day – long may it continue!

Mrs Scott will be taking Reception this year and will be assisted by Mrs Kwiatkowska. Mrs Barratt and Mrs Haughan will continue with Y1/2, with Mr Travers and Mr Hall in Y3/4 and Mrs Wakefield and Miss Brecken in Y5/6. Mrs Collison will be in school Monday to Wednesday and will teach all classes allowing for teachers' planning, preparation and assessment time. Mrs Graham has now left the school.

School was pretty quiet over the holidays, but children in Y1/2 will have noticed that their classroom has had a new floor and carpet and has been decorated.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr Travers and his wife Becky gave birth to Beatrix Rose at the start of August. Beatrix weighed in at 6lb 11oz and all are doing well.

START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We adjusted the start and end of the school day a year ago due to Covid. There have been some pros and cons with the system, so rather than return to the previous pre-Covid routines, we would like to retain some of the good things, but make some adjustments.

The arrival at school seems to have gone very smoothly so we would like to continue with this with children entering directly into the classroom between 8.45 and 8.55am. We will be closing the classroom doors to stop late arrivals causing too much disruption and allowing them to sign in using our electronic entry system. Please use the front door of school if you are late.

For the end of the school day, we would like to return to a **3.15pm** finish, but children will come out of their classes as they do now, just not at 3.00pm.

We will see how all of this works for this half term.

CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder that if you change or have changed your mobile phone number or e-mail, please let school know.

TOUR OF BRITAIN

On Friday 10th September, a stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race starts in Carlisle and passes by Cummersdale Road End. We intend to take the children from Y3 – 6 to watch this positioning ourselves outside Pirelli. Further details will follow next week.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/CARE

Since we started up our after school clubs after lockdown, they have been immensely popular which has been great. One of the difficulties though has been staffing them and providing activities that suit all age groups. As a school, we know that there's a need for after school care, but also our after school clubs have always been an important part of school life. We had tried to combine the two which did work to some extent, but with ever increasing numbers, often made things difficult.

We will continue to provide both options, but one or two activities are only suitable for certain age groups. If you are not in this age group, after school care will always be available. This system is explained on the sign up sheet which will have come home today and we will trial this method this half term. The activities this half term are Art Club (Rec – Y2), Running Club (Y2 – 6), Film Club (All), Football Club (Infants and Juniors) and Lego Club (All).

Before School Care is more straightforward. Mr Hall runs this each morning and whilst booking is preferable, it is not essential whilst numbers remain relatively low.

PE LESSONS

Flo Bell (Flip Flop Flo) has secured a new job over the summer. Unfortunately, this means that there will no longer be any Enjoy-a-ball. Flo's high energy lessons have very much become part of the routine at Cummersdale over the eight years and many children have benefitted from her work on balance and co-ordination. The school staff will build on her previous work during PE sessions.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit in on the following days:

Y5/6	Thursday
Y3/4	Wednesday
Y1/2	Tuesday
Reception	Further details will be given soon

Children should wear the school PE Kit which is blue shorts and a white T-shirt. As autumn is approaching, plain jogging bottoms in blue/black/grey can be worn. A school jumper or school hoody should be worn on the top half.

Please also try to ensure that all uniform and kits are named as it saves us so much time in school.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Thomas Ormerod (Y1)** for a keen and enthusiastic start to the year and some great handwriting. The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Dalton Cayne (Y5)** for impressing Mrs Wakefield with his knowledge about Space.

HOLIDAY DATES

The school holiday dates have been adjusted slightly following the introduction of a bank holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. It means we finish on Thursday 16th December this year. See the school website or <https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/termdates>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10/9/21 Y3 – 6 to see Tour of Britain
21/9/21 Football: Small Schools 7-a-side (Y5/6), Central Academy. 10am
27/9/21 Computing Week (all)
7/10/21 Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
13/10/21 School Photos (Tempest)
22/10/21 Finish for Half Term

1/11/21 New Half Term begins
2/12/19 Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
9/12/19 Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
16/12/19 End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term