



# NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

This term seems to have raced by and there is now less than a week to go before we finish for Christmas ... and lots to fit in between now and then! One of the highlights of the term has been the two pantomime visits. It was lovely to look along the row at the Theatre Royal and see so many children rolling with laughter. Parents will be pleased to know how well the children conducted themselves whilst out of school - something that was commented on by people on the day.

The next time I write a newsletter it will be 2022 and there is lots in school planned for the New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January and on behalf of the staff and governors of Cummersdale School, I would like to wish all our families a Happy Christmas!

## STAFFING

During the last week, the school have appointed Miss Abbie Fleming who will teach throughout the school covering teachers' Preparation, Planning and Assessment time and carrying some specific intervention work with small groups of children. Miss Fleming has been working in the Y3/4 class during most of this half term so will be a familiar face to many.

The school have also appointed Mrs Katherine Sharp as a Teaching Assistant who will work in the Y3/4 class initially.

I am sure that you will make both members of staff feel most welcome as they start their posts in January.

Mrs Sarah Collison has left Cummersdale having covered PPA time since June. I would like to thank her for her reliability and flexibility over the last few months.

I am also sad to report that also leaving the school will be Mrs Gill Brazendale who is heading to Raughton Head CE School to take up a post as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in the New Year. The school will be advertising for a replacement next week, but Mrs Brazendale will continue at the school on a part time basis until the vacancy is filled.

## SPORT

**Sportshall Athletics:** The 12 children who represented the school in this event at Harraby Sports Hall did extremely well coming 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 10 schools there. Both the boys' and girls' teams were particularly strong at the sprints winning individual events and both relays.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE/CLUBS

Further information will come out next week about our After School Clubs in January. If any parent, supported by one of our TAs, would be interested in running an after school club for a half term or term, please do get in touch. We are always looking to provide different opportunities for our pupils.

## DINNERS

A dinner menu accompanies this newsletter and we would be grateful if this is returned before the end of term. We would also appreciate it if any outstanding bills could be settled by the end of term.

## INFANT NATIVITY

Rehearsals are well underway for 'The Bossy King'. The children will put on a performance on Tuesday afternoon in school which will be watched by the children from Y3 - 6. It will be filmed and the older children will also add a couple of Christmas Carols they have been practising before the whole school wish everyone a Happy Christmas. Further details about how to access this film will come home with the children next week.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December is a non-uniform day. Children can come in party clothes, something Christmassy – anything really! (There is no charge for this). The Infants will enjoy a variety of games in the morning before joining the Juniors for a party buffet. The Juniors will then have a few games and a disco in the afternoon.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Elliot Ramsey (Y1)** for trying extremely hard with his writing in the last week or so. Last week's winner was **Jake Bell (Y1)** for being great fun on the Pantomime trip. **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is shared by **Sophie Harman, Llio Richards and Nicole Leathers (Y6)** for repairing a piece of work that was damaged and putting a smile back on someone's face. Last week's winner was **Charlotte Milburn (Y3)** for simply greeting visitors in school with a warm, friendly smile.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophy goes to **Olivia Banks (Rec)** for joining in bravely with after school yoga. Last week's winners were **Liam Peacock (Y1) and Libby Armstrong (Y2)** who were spotted trying their very hardest in PE by our Young Leaders Joey and Ayser.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14/12/21	Infant Nativity
15/12/21	Christmas Party
16/12/21	End of Term (1.15pm)

*More dates will be added throughout the term*