



NEWSLETTER

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This is the final newsletter of a term which seems to have whizzed by. Our new staff (Miss Fleming, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Makepeace and Miss Bradshaw) have all settled in. Trips have been taken to Carlisle Castle, Carlisle Fire Station and Vindolanda. Children will have represented the school in competitions at netball, football, swimming and bouldering and also received tennis coaching at Chatsworth Tennis Club. In school we've had competitions for handwriting, chess, reading, football and netball – not to mention a talent show! Reception had a number of visitors as part of their topic 'People who help us' and the whole school enjoyed the visit of Kinetic Karen. The teaching staff have been working hard behind the scenes establishing 'The Cummersdale Curriculum' which we believe provides the best possible learning opportunities for pupils. Finally, the children have worked steadily making good progress with phonics, Maths and writing as well as learning about Castles, Romans and Mountains.

Next term will be equally busy with the return of SATs, various sporting events, a new selection of after school clubs and Y3/4 visiting Kingmoor Woods each week for a Forest School experience.

HOUSE FOOTBALL

Over 30 children took part in the House Football with children as young as Y1 taking part. Helvellyn even tried to draft in Mrs Haughan who seemed a little disappointed when she wasn't allowed. Skiddaw were champions and their skills showed as they rattled in 15 goals in their three matches. They earn 50 bonus points for their House total. The final positions were as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points
Skiddaw	3	3	0	0	15	1	9
Blencathra	3	2	0	1	7	6	6
Cat Bells	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Helvellyn	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

Next Thursday, the House Netball competition will take place. Children in Y6 will pick their teams so if children are chosen, they should come in their PE kit on Thursday.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Next week sees Y3/4 taking part in a football competition at Harraby 4G on Monday, a boys and girls team taking part in a bouldering competition at Eden Rock and a small swim team taking part in a gala at James St Pools. With the children having not done climbing or swimming for a while, the selection of these teams has been difficult and sadly we can't include everyone. Priority has been given to Y6 children. Those children involved will have received a letter with further details.

EASTER

Kate Davidson from St James' Church, Denton Holme is coming in to school on Thursday next week to take an Easter Service.

I would just also like to confirm that we finish school at the normal time on Friday April 1st and return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

DINNERS

A new dinner menu has been issued for the first half of the summer term. It is again a three week menu which repeats itself. The full menu, including desserts is on the school website. Please complete and return this as soon as possible and by the end of next week.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A new programme of after school clubs for next half term has been issued. Story Club is new which should fire children's imagination and Mrs Wakefield's popular Weird Science Club returns. With the improving weather, football and cricket are also available.

We also hope to run a geocaching club for the older children which is likely to take place on Mondays. We are just awaiting confirmation of transport and intend to get some information out about this next week or early next term.

RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day proved to be a very colourful day and we raised £118.57.

There were a lot of jokes floating around school. One of the teachers' favourites was:

*There's been a kidnapping at Cummersdale School
It took ages to wake him up!*

MATHS

Mrs Wakefield and the teachers are developing our Maths curriculum and it would be helpful to know the views of parents. An e-mail has been sent out today with a google form to complete. It may have ended up in some junk mail folders. We would be grateful if you could please check and complete.

FOREST SCHOOL

On Tuesdays during the first half of the summer term, Y3/4 will be spending the day at Kingmoor Woods having a different learning experience in a Forest School. This is organised by Dens, Daisies and Dandelions and looks great fun. Further details about what to wear/bring will come during the first week back before the first session on Tuesday 26th April. A packed lunch will be needed, so bear this in mind when completing dinner forms.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Joey Wall (Y5)** for trying hard and producing a cleverly thought out piece of work about 'The Three Little Pigs'. Last week's winner was **Toby Wilson (Y5)** for speeding up his work rate and producing good quality work. The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is awarded to **Logan Murdoch (Y4)** for being extremely helpful at dinnertime. Last week's winner was **Harry Mitchell (Y5)** for keeping everyone amused with his jokes.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophies** go to **Theo Allison Burn (Y1)** for joining in the House Football and not being overawed in the slightest. Another trophy goes to **Oliver Porter (Y6)** for his captaincy of Cat Bells football team. Whilst his team didn't win, his enthusiasm and encouragement when under the cosh was admirable.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/3/22	Y1/2 Trip to Carlisle Castle (Y1/2)
28/3/22	Y3/4 Small Schools Football Competition
30/3/22	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
31/1/22	Small Schools' Swimming Competition (Y5/6)
31/1/22	House Netball
1/4/22	Finish Term – normal time
20/4/22	Start of term