



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **WELCOME BACK**

I would like to welcome all the new starters and their parents to Cummersdale School. There are 13 children in Reception and they all seem to be settling in really well. 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 continues to teach Reception but will be assisted by Mrs Park-Russell, Mrs Fisher (Mon/Tu) and Miss Davy (Wed-Fri). Mrs Barratt is the Y1/2 teacher and will be assisted by Mrs Haughan and Mrs Kwiatkowska. Mr Travers and Mrs Sharp continue with Y3/4 and Mrs Wakefield is supported by Miss Breare in Y5/6. Miss Fleming continues to teach throughout the school.

I'm sure you'll join with me in welcoming Mrs Park-Russell, Miss Breare and Mrs Fisher to the school.

School was pretty quiet over the holidays, but adjustments were made to the Reception area, the wall bars in the hall can now be used, a new fire alarm was installed and the heating has been made more effective (and hopefully more economical!). Outside, the willow trees at the bottom of the field have been felled and we hope to develop this area in readiness for next summer.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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

### **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

The sad news about Queen Elizabeth's passing is still very fresh. We held a special assembly this morning to celebrate her life and make the children aware of her contribution to our country over the last 70 years. We will be guided by DfE advice as to any protocols we have to follow and will notify you as soon as possible if there are any changes to the normal school routine.

### **Y6 VISIT TO CALDEW SCHOOL – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Caldew School will be holding a taster day for pupils on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Children will take part in a variety of lessons, have a school dinner and experience a day at secondary school. All Y6 pupils from a number of local primary schools have been invited. The day begins at 9.30am and finishes at 2.30pm. Lunch is provided and school uniform should be worn. From past experience, it is easiest if parents are able to take children there direct, sharing lifts if necessary. Let me know if there are any problems with this arrangement.

Trinity School are holding an Open Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## **READING INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm**

Mrs Scott (Reception Teacher) and Mrs Barratt (English Subject Leader) will hold an information session on how we teach reading at Cummersdale School. It is aimed at Reception parents, but may also be useful for parents of Y1 or 2 children who are perhaps new or missed it last year. They will explain about Read, Write, Inc., our phonics scheme, talk about reading at home and school and go through how you can help your child develop their reading skills. It will take place in the hall at 2.45pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and will finish by 3.15pm. Come to the front door of the school.

## **CARLISLE UNITED v AFC WIMBLEDON – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

The school have been given free tickets for this match at Brunton Park. A letter with more information has been sent out to parents of Y1 – Y6 children. With the match being next weekend, a quick response is essential.

## **FLU IMMUNISATION**

Forms have come home today with further information about the flu immunisation which will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

## **START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Having discussed with staff and some parents, we will continue to enter and leave school in the same way as last year. Y1/2 may wait in the area next to the classroom door to avoid congestion on the path if necessary. Parents from Y3 – 6 can come into the school grounds if preferred to avoid danger to pupils on the entrance to the car park.

## **BEFORE SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/CARE**

Before School and After School Care are up and running and will be available each day. After School Activities begin on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This half term we have Junior Gymnastics (Monday), Yoga (Tuesday), Film (Wednesday), Infant Gymnastics and Junior Football (Thursday) and Lego (Friday). See separate letter and booking form for more information. *Lego Club is available for all pupils, not just Y3 – 6 as on the booking form.*

## **PLAYTIMES**

The weather this week hasn't been too good, but we do have playtimes outside in all but the most severe of weathers. Please ensure your child has a coat/jacket to keep them dry.

## **PE LESSONS**

From Tuesday next week, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having PE Lessons with 'Action Ants' who will develop basic skills as well as having lots of fun.

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

Y5/6	Wednesday
Y3/4	Thursday
Y1/2	Tuesday
Reception	Tuesday

Children should come to school wearing 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 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 **Evelyn Stewart (Y1)** for settling in really well into her new class.. The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Ruby Bell (Y2)** for doing a great job introducing the younger Year 1s to the class. The **Sports Trophy** goes to **Ayda McGinley (Y4)** for impressing Mr Travers with her accuracy and dedication during circuit training.

## **COMMUNICATION**

A newsletter is issued fortnightly which gives information about school events as well as recognising achievements of our pupils. This is sent by e-mail, but sometimes comes via our MIS which might mean it goes to your junk mail folder. Other whole school announcements come via letter or text message from myself.

Classlists has proved to be very useful and tends to be used by teachers to remind parents about things that are happening or make a request for cardboard boxes etc for a project in school. It is also useful for parents to check with the teacher what is happening in school. Teachers may reply quite quickly at times, but they are less likely to reply as quick at unsociable hours, at weekends or in the holidays. Whilst it is often convenient, try to avoid using classlists to arrange birthday parties as a number of staff are linked to each class and don't really need to know arrangements for parties etc.

Facebook is used to celebrate events that have happened in and out of school. We know that this allows several parents and other family members to see what's been happening in school.

## **HOLIDAYS/ABSENCES**

If you have to take a holiday during term time, the procedure is to write to myself by e-mail and request the time off school. This can then be authorised or unauthorised depending on circumstances. Do not use classlists for holiday requests.

For absences, please ring the school office before 8.45am, leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary. Do not use classlists to report an absence. Many hours each term are wasted following up absences when a simple phone message would suffice.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

15/9/22	Reading Information Meeting for Reception/Y1 parents (2.45pm)
16/9/22	Year 6 Taster Day, Caldew School
17/9/22	Carlisle Utd v AFC Wimbledon
26/9/22	Library Bus Visit
27/9/22	Football: Small Schools 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
10/10/22	Girls' Football: Small Schools 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
13/10/22	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
17/10/22	Computing Week
19/10/22	Cross Country Event, The Sheepmount (Y3 – 6)
21/10/22	Computing Open Afternoon for parents
21/10/22	Finish for Half Term
31/10/22	New Half Term begins
11/11/22	School Photographs (Heidi Bea)
17/11/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Cinema Visit – 'The Bad Guys'
28/11/22	Y5/6 Swimming Block begins (2 weeks daily at The Sands)
1/12/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
8/12/22	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
20/12/22	End of Term (1.15pm)

*More dates will be added throughout the term*