



NEWSLETTER

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We are approaching a very busy time of the school year with a number of trips, visits and events taking place between now and Christmas. Read on for further details:

PHOTOS

Your child/children had their photo taken today and Heidi Bea, our photographer has written a note below which may help with ordering:

Your child will be coming home with a QR CARD which gives you access to your child's recent school photos. To view your child's photos simply scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. Alternatively go to the website on the card and type in your child's unique access number. If the photos are not yet live you can register to have a notification as soon as they are ready.

IMPORTANT: If ordering prints of photos PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS INSIDE THE DOTTED LINES. You can adjust this crop but this is how your photos will be printed.

Purchasing the digital download and then getting them printed online or locally is the most popular and cost effective way to enjoy your child's individual school photos and avoids postage costs. Hope you like them!

MAGISTRATE VISIT – Tuesday 15th November

Y5/6 will be receiving a visit from Caroline Howard JP who will talk to the class about the role of a magistrate and also involve them in some work and role play about democracy.

CINEMA TRIP – Thursday 17th November

Next week is Into Film week and the school has managed to get tickets to go and watch 'Bad Guys' at Vue Cinema on Botchergate. The trip will be for all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Travel to the cinema will be by coach and the screening is from 10.00 – 11.50am with the children returning to school in time for lunch. In the afternoon, the children will carry out activities in class based on the film.

On this occasion, there is no charge for the trip and uniform should be worn as normal.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Friday 18th November

Next Friday is Children in Need Day. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform, ideally wearing something spotty. In return, we ask that a donation is brought in to school which will go towards Children in Need.

FOOTBALL: ESFA CUMBRIAN FINAL – Friday 18th November

The football team have qualified for the Cumbrian finals of the ESFA Small Schools Competition. This has been re-arranged for Friday 18th November (am) and will take place at Harraby 4G. Those involved will receive a separate letter.

AUDIOMETRICIAN – Tuesday 22nd November

Reception will receive a Hearing check from the audiometrician on Tuesday 22nd November.

EDEN ROCK – Tuesdays 22/11, 29/11, 6/12 and 13/12.

Y6 children will be having four climbing sessions at Eden Rock in the lead up to Christmas. Here they will practise their bouldering techniques under the guidance of one of Eden Rock's instructors. The children will travel to and from Eden Rock by minibus. With the session finishing at 3.00pm, it is likely that the Y6 children will be back at school at about 3.25pm on these days. Children in Y5 will have a similar set of sessions in January.

Y5/6 ASSEMBLY – Friday 25th November

The children in Y5/6 will be putting on a class assembly for parents at 2.30pm on Friday 25th November. Here they will showcase the work they have done on Macbeth.

SWIMMING – Daily sessions from 28/11 (Y5/6)

The children in Y5/6 will be having an intensive block of swimming at the new Sands Centre Pool. They will swim each day for two weeks from 11 – 11.45am and there will be three swim teachers from The Sands leading the sessions. Basic swimming kit (costume, towel and goggles if you have them) is all that's needed.

There will be no swimming on Thursday 8th December (Pantomime Day) and some children may miss a session due to Sports Hall Athletics (28th Nov) and/or an Aim High Creative Writing Day (30th Nov).

It is thought that an intensive block is a more effective way of learning swimming and it is hoped that these year groups, who missed school swimming because of Covid, will benefit greatly.

Children in Y3/4 and Y1/2 will have similar swimming sessions in the Spring (Y3/4) and Summer (Y1/2) terms.

PANTOMIME – R, Y1 and Y2: 1st December; Y3 – 6: 8th December

Thank you to all those who have returned their forms and paid via School Money. Please can all money be paid and permission forms returned by Monday 21st November.

Y1/2 BASSENFELL MANOR CHRISTMAS TRIP – Wednesday 7th December

The children in Y1/2 have the opportunity to visit Bassenfell Manor, near Bassenthwaite and experience the various traditions of Christmas. On this occasion, there is no charge for the trip and the children would wear uniform as normal. It will require an earlier start with a coach leaving Cummersdale at 8.30am and the children will be back in time for lunch. Final details will be confirmed nearer the time.

NATIVITY – Monday 12th December

The children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be starting rehearsals soon for the Nativity which this year is called 'Boogie Woogie Nativity'. The performance this year will take place at Caldew School's Performing Arts Theatre at 1.45pm on Monday 12th December. Tickets are not required but further details will come nearer the time.

RECEPTION FARMERS DEN SOFT PLAY VISIT – Thursday 15th December

The children in Reception will be visiting Farmers Den Soft Play Centre in Annan on Thursday 15th December. The class will travel by minibus, have a play, a drink, biscuits and crisps before returning to school in time for lunch. There will be no charge for this trip.

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Seven keen mathematicians took part in a Primary Maths Challenge. During the morning, children from across the Rural South Carlisle Consortium of Schools took part in a variety of investigations, before taking part in the Maths Association's Challenge. Riley Kirk, Harry Mitchell and Thomas Barratt all won a Maths set for being the best team in the morning challenges. Hannah Webster gained one of the highest scores in the afternoon's challenge.

YOUNG LEADERS

Two girls from Y5, Peyton Jesse and Eloise Wakefield took part in Young Leader Training at Rosley C of E School recently. They have already put into practice what they have learnt leading warm ups for some PE lessons.

LIVERPOOL RESIDENTIAL Y5/6 – March 22nd – 24th 2022

Thanks to all those who have returned their Liverpool Residential slips. It is important to let school know if you intend to come or not in order that visits can be booked during the trip. If you need to discuss anything about the trip, do get in touch with Mr Jones.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

With the final set of fixtures before the World Cup, managers will be keen to have a good week before the break. Steven Scott still leads the way with his team 'Eze does it', with Mrs Scott's Scotty's Squad in hot pursuit. Mrs Haughan's 'Super Sloths' are perhaps the team to watch with them having surged up the league to 7th in recent weeks. Joey Wall's 'Bigman FC' are the best of the pupils' teams in 5th place.

ATTENDANCE

Reception were the best attenders this week with 99.23%. Reception still lead the way this term with 96.58%. It appears that Y6 would have been the best attenders this week with 100%, but due to the number of lates, their percentage dropped to 98.62%. Keep up the good work everyone.

PARENTS EVENING

We have had to re-arrange our Parents Evening more than once due to staff training and other school events. It will now take place after Christmas on **Wednesday January 25th**. As well as discussing progress, it will allow teachers to inform parents about the results of assessments which are due to take place just before Christmas.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupils of the Week** this week are **Logan Murdoch (Y5)** who has worked extremely hard on his Shakespeare work and he is always keen to use the word of the day. Also **Theo Allison-Burns (Y2)** who is doing really well at Read, Write, Spell. Mrs Scott is particularly impressed with his handwriting.

The **Enjoy-a-Ball** Trophies go to **Liberty Cayne** and **Gracie Jordan**. Both girls have been particularly good at football and gymnastics in recent weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17/11/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Cinema Visit – ‘The Bad Guys’
18/11/22	ESFA Cumbrian Finals
25/11/22	EFL Kids’ Cup, Y5/6 Football (Soccerworld)
25/11/22	Y5/6 Class Assembly
28/11/22	Y5/6 Swimming Block begins (2 weeks daily at The Sands)
28/11/22	Sports Hall Athletics (Y5/6)
29/11/22	RSC Cup – Y3/4 Football, Harraby (pm)
29/11/22	Governors’ Meeting
30/11/22	Aim High Creative Writing Day, Y5/6 Children (4)
1/12/22	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
7/12/22	Y1/2 Trip to Bassenfell Manor at Christmas
8/12/22	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
12/12/22	Northern Gas Networks Assembly
12/12/22	Infant Nativity, Caldew (1.45pm)
14/12/22	Christmas Dinner
15/12/22	Reception Soft Play Trip, Farmers Den, Annan
15/12/22	<i>Christingle Service, St James’ Church (Denton Holme) tbc</i>
19/12/22	Christmas Party Day
20/12/22	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term