



NEWSLETTER

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Another busy week has flown by with children out of school climbing and playing football. We have had staff out of school developing their Maths, Gymnastics and Mentoring skills and the week concluded with an excellent assembly on 'Macbeth' led by Y5/6. Thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to come and support their children.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – Friday 18th November

Many thanks to all those who made donations to Children in Need last Friday. The school raised an impressive £175.

FOOTBALL: ESFA CUMBRIAN FINAL – Tuesday 6th December

Following last week's postponement, this has been re-arranged for Friday 18th November (am) and will take place at Harraby 4G with all arrangements remaining the same.

The football team were in action today though in the EFL Cup organised by Carlisle United Community Team. With most of the larger schools in Carlisle and Penrith involved, the team did well winning three and losing three of the six games.

The Y3/4 tournament scheduled for Tuesday 29th November has been postponed until January.

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

The first climbing session for Y6 went well last week. After an introduction and some games, the children tried various purple, orange, green and yellow climbs. They will hone their bouldering skills in the remaining three weeks.

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.

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

The children will travel to Newcastle Theatre Royal to see a production of ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’ with Infants going on Thursday 1st December and the Juniors going on Thursday 8th December. We will leave school at 12.00pm after an early lunch on both days, arriving in Newcastle for a 2.00pm performance. We will leave Newcastle straight away after the show and it is expected we will be back in Cummersdale by **6.30pm**.

It is always a fantastic day which lasts long in the memory. In order to make the trip as successful as possible, please help with the following:

- Normal school uniform should be worn, but any festive additions are more than welcome
- School will provide drinks, snacks and some sweets which can be consumed on the coach for the children as we appreciate that it is a long time to go without sustenance. The theatre have issued some quite strict guidance for school groups about bringing food into the theatre.
- Children may bring magazines, games or similar to occupy themselves on the journey. **Sadly, we must say that phones, I-Pads or similar must not be taken** as in the past, these have been used inappropriately or even broken. We find that the children are usually quite happy just chatting.
- The school staff have responsibility for all children and each child has been allocated to a member of staff.
- Due to the escalating costs and frantic rush to purchase them, we do not want children to buy fluorescent flashing toys at the theatre. However, you are more than welcome to bring something similar with you if you have one.
- Children do not need to bring any money with them.
- When picking up in Cummersdale after the pantomime, please do not park anywhere near the zig zag lines as the coach needs plenty of room to park so the children can all alight safely.
- *Do bring lots of energy in order to cheer, laugh heartily, boo and hiss!*

Any children not attending the pantomime will come in to school as normal and will join other classes for the afternoon.

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. There will be a final reminder on classlists just before the trip.

NATIVITY – Monday 12th December

The children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have started rehearsals 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – Wednesday 14th December

As well as Christmas dinner for all, we will be taking part in ‘Knit-ivity Day’ for Eden Valley Hospice. Children will be encouraged to come in a Christmas jumper, or anything festive and make a donation to this worthy cause.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Reception still lead the way this year as best attenders with 96.38%. However, Y5 are the best attenders this half term with 97.71% and have an impressive 100% attendance this week. Attendance is much better across the school this half term with 62 children on 100%. Keep it up!

I attach a letter from the Assistant Director which perhaps clarifies the Local Authority's stance on absence during term time.

HOUSE POINTS

There's been no change in the leaderboard for House Points with Blencathra still just ahead.

Blencathra	944
Skiddaw	920
Helvellyn	912
Cat Bells	866

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Jackson Oliver-Gibson (Y2)** for trying hard in all areas, especially phonics. Last week's winner was **Darcy Clarke (Y5)** for a very good explanation about witches and being 'cool at school'.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Peyton Jesse (Y5)** for helping one of our youngest pupils who had hurt herself on the way to school. Last week's winner was **Olivia Whyte (Y2)** for always being kind and cheerful and being 'Mrs Barratt's little helper'.

The **Enjoy-a-Ball** Trophies go to **Nathaniel Pearson (Y6)** for revealing that he is in fact Spider Man such is his prowess at climbing.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/12/22	ESFA Cumbrian Finals
28/11/22	Y5/6 Swimming Block begins (2 weeks daily at The Sands)
28/11/22	Sports Hall Athletics (Y5/6)
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
6/12/22	Governors' Meeting
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 and Christmas Knit-ivity Day (Christmas Jumper Day!)
15/12/22	Reception Soft Play Trip, Farmers Den, Annan
19/12/22	Christmas Party Day
20/12/22	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term