



# NEWSLETTER

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It's been a hectic term with a dance festival, a Cathedral concert, a class assembly and a residential to Liverpool. There has been some great work done in the classroom too with topics such as 'Weather', 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' and 'Growing Things' captivating the children.

The children are ready for a break now and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April when we return to school for a half term which will feature the King's Coronation, SATs, lots of sport and a chance to go on our new climbing frame.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Mrs Park-Russell and her wife Carina announced the birth of their daughter Katie Teddy-Rose who weighed in at 7lb 6oz. Both mother and daughter are doing very well.

## DINNERS

Thank you to all those who have returned dinner menus. There are still several outstanding. Please return these by tomorrow.

## Y1/2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Y1/2 will be putting on their assembly about 'Weather' tomorrow. Parents, friends and family may all attend. It starts at 9am so please come to the front door and we will be ready to let parents in from 8.50am. It should conclude by about 9.20am.

## BIKEABILITY

Y5/6 will be taking part in Bikeability training (Cycling proficiency). Please return forms as soon as possible.

## EASTER SERVICE

Kate Davidson came into school today and led an Easter Service to remind us about this important time in the Christmas calendar.

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before and After School Care have become more popular recently. There is still room for everyone, but it is now more important that we know at least 24 hours in advance that children are attending. Whilst we can always take emergencies, some parents are ringing almost daily in the afternoon to arrange for after school care or just showing up before school.

The after school care facility does finish at 4.30pm and children are always ready and waiting at this time. Please ensure that you pick up at that time or we may have to introduce additional charges for frequent late pick ups.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

After school clubs will begin the second week of term, but after school care is available each day from the first day of term. Film Club and Musical Theatre Club will continue and a new geocaching club will be introduced. Further details of these and other afternoons will be issued during the first week back.

## **RED NOSE DAY – COMIC RELIEF**

Thank you to all who dressed up on Red Nose Day. The school raised £160.85 in total which included over £30 which was raised by Joel Redfern-Faulkner and his giant bunny raffle.

## **STREET TAG**

The new season for Street Tag has just started and already the school have established themselves in second place. A letter with further information about Street tag accompanies this newsletter.

## **FOOTBALL**

The Y3/4 footballers were in action earlier this week and won 2 and lost 2 of their group games in a tournament at Harraby. This qualified them for the final stages where the team got a draw and came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

There will be football competitions in the summer term at Lime House School and one run by Go Activ (Harraby)

## **CHESS**

Cummersdale hosted a chess competition for schools last week. Teams from High Hesket and Burgh by Sands competed. Cummersdale A came 1<sup>st</sup> out of the six teams (winning 15 out of 16 matches) and Cummersdale B came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done to Abigail and Phoebe Story, Thomas Barratt and Isabella Hamilton.

## **Y3/4 CONCERT AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL**

One of the highlights of my term was proudly watching the children from Y3/4 performing so professionally and musically in the concert at Carlisle Cathedral. Well done to all!

## **LIVERPOOL**

The children all returned safely from Liverpool, albeit a bit tired! We walked several miles and visited Anfield, 3 museums, 1 art gallery, 2 cathedrals, the cinema, the Mersey Ferry, the Liverpool Wheel and TGI Fridays. I received an e-mail from the Anglican Cathedral who were very complimentary about the children's behaviour and the same can be said for the whole trip (although perhaps not when it came to getting to sleep though!).

## **PE DAYS – ACTION ANTS NEXT TERM**

Next term will see the return to Cummersdale for Action Ants instead of Carlisle United. The sessions will take place on Tuesdays so PE days will move from Fridays to Tuesdays for Reception, Y1 and Y2.

In addition to this, Reception will be going to Carlisle Gym Club for a session on Monday afternoons. They will travel to Morton by minibus with teachers accompanying them but will be taught by the staff at Carlisle Gym Club. The children should come to school in their PE Kits and this arrangement starts on the very first day back, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## ATTENDANCE

This half term there has been an improved attendance rate of 95.7% across the school with 56 children being ever present with 100% attendance. Y3 still lead the way this year with 96.32%, but Y5 are gaining on them having had 97.49% since Christmas and 97.5% since half term.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Zoe Carrick (Y4)** for having a really good first half term at the school and contributing well to everything going on. Last week's winner was **Charlie Kerr (Y3)** who was one of many singers who performed superbly at Carlisle Cathedral.

The **Kindness Cup** goes to **Phoebe and Abigail Story (Y6)** for being kind and pleasant whilst away in Liverpool and also being kind and thoughtful to Kate from St James' when she was in school. Last week's winner was **Brooke Sullivan (Y5)** for being a great help to Mrs Barratt and Y1/2.

The Enjoy-a-ball Sports Trophies go to **Callum 'Safe Hands' Whittle** who performed heroics in goal for the football team this week and **Zack 'The Hammer' Rankine** for his ferocious shots and goals in the same tournament.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17/4/23	Summer Term begins
17/4/23	Reception Gym Sessions begin
18/4/23	Action Ants for Rec, Y1 and Y2
28/4/23	Y5/6 Football Tournament at Lime House School
1/5/23	Bank Holiday
5/5/23	King's Coronation Day in school
8/5/23	Bank Holiday
9/5/23	KS2 SATS for Y6 (Tues – Fri)
10/5/23	Wheelchair Basketball visit to School
10/5/23	Library Book Bus to visit School
15/5/23	Well Being Week
22/5/23	Y1/2 Swimming sessions begin (daily for 1 week)
22/5/23	Y5/6 Bikeability sessions all week
22/5/23	Y3/4 Tennis Competition, Chatsworth
26/5/23	End of Half term

*Further dates will be added next term*