



NEWSLETTER

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This is the final newsletter of what has been a very busy year, with the last couple of weeks being particularly busy. Those who were lucky enough to see the Y5/6 production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' were treated to a fantastic production with superb singing, clever choreography, strong character performances and a great deal of comedy. The production team of Miss Breare, Mrs Wakefield and Miss Fleming must be praised for putting together such a fine show.

Elsewhere, there have been sports fixtures, visits to secondary schools, a trip to North Lakes Wildlife Park as well as a sports day where rain threatened but was never going to dampen the spirits of the athletes. Giving the children opportunities outside of the classroom is a big part of what we believe in at Cummersdale School. The fact that this year we have hired the community minibus well over 50 times shows how many opportunities our children have had! It might be time to get our own?

The summer holidays begin on Wednesday and the children are ready for a break. We look forward to seeing them again and hearing about their adventures on Wednesday 6th September. We will say 'goodbye' to our current Year 6 on Wednesday who have been a fine cohort of talented individuals. They have been excellent role models for the rest of the school and I am sure that the current Year 5 will step up and carry on the example which has been set.

Over the summer, there will be significant work done on the outside of school. The Reception outdoor area is going to be fully developed with the decking and pergola, which has stood firm for 14 years, being replaced and the area enlarged. The nearby trees are going to be pruned and the area at the bottom of the field developed. It should look quite different when we return in September.

The rest of the newsletter gives a reminder about events taking place this week.

Have a restful and enjoyable Summer!

ACTIVITIES DAY - MONDAY 17th JULY

On this day, the children will choose a number of interesting activities to do throughout the day. The children have chosen their activities which range from the 1% club and painting with body parts to a trip to the park. Uniform is not required on this day and PE clothing can be worn. If you are struggling to keep up with clean PE Kit, anything similar will be fine.

SUMMER SPLASH - MONDAY 17th JULY

Activity day will come to an end with the 'Summer Splash'. Children should bring in water pistols (any shape and size – bigger the better) in the morning. Towards the end of the day they are let loose onto the field - very few children stay dry! Tables will be placed at the front door and the back door before school and water pistols should be left here labelled with names (labels will be provided if this is not done). These will be then filled in readiness for the start of the water fight later in the day. A change of clothes, either to wear during the event or get changed into afterwards, and a towel are recommended on this day. The staff will supervise the children getting changed afterwards and there is no need for parents to come into school.

HOUSE ROUNDERS AND ACTION ANTS SPORTS - TUESDAY 18th JULY

The Juniors will all take part in House Rounders during the morning with Y6 taking on the staff too. In the afternoon Lee from Action Ants will organise a special afternoon of activities for Reception, Y1 and Y2 which will end with a water activity, A change of clothes, either to wear during the event or get changed into afterwards, and a towel are recommended. On this day, all children should come in PE clothing. If you are struggling to keep up with clean PE Kit, anything similar will be fine.

LEAVERS LUNCH AND DINNERS

The children in Year 6 have chosen the lunch for the whole school. This will take place on **Tuesday 18th July** and be a picnic buffet comprising of a variety of sandwiches and savoury snacks. There will be the popular Australian Crunch for pudding along with other choices. If your child fancies this instead of a packed lunch, just let the office know.

There will also be a change of menu on the final day of term with the normal roast dinner being replaced with a lunch similar to the previous day.

Our school dinners will remain at £2.10 next year which represents great value and is considerably cheaper than the majority of schools in the Carlisle area. A dinner menu will be issued at the start of next term.

Could I also remind a very small number of parents to settle their school money bills before the end of term. If there are any problems, do contact school before the end of term?

LEAVERS ASSEMBLY AND PRIZE GIVING

Our leavers' assembly will take place on **Wednesday 19th July at 9.00am** in the hall. Y6 will share with you their experiences and memories of school as well as treating you to some dances and a song or two. It should last about 45 minutes or so. There will also be various presentations to children throughout the school. Parents, friends and families, especially those of Y6 children are welcome to attend.

All children should **wear uniform** on this day, with Y6 children bringing something to change into for the afternoon.

School finishes after a short gathering in the hall where we round off the year for all at **1.15pm**. Y6 will then be heading off to Fusion by minibus. Year 6 children will be able to bring their phones with them on this day to allow them to take photos of each other. Mrs Wakefield will issue guidelines about using them sensibly and when and where they can be used. Hopefully this privilege won't be abused.

SATS RESULTS

The KS2 SATs results were issued on Tuesday. The school is delighted with the results as there has been an increase in standards overall and a significant increase in those children who are working at greater depth. We are particularly pleased with those children who have attended intervention groups for Maths and English throughout the year, with the majority reaching the required standard. Their hard work and that of their teachers paid off.

ATHLETICS

Fifteen children represented the school at the CSSA Athletics event open to all schools in Carlisle. There were a number of successes with Toby Wilson (1st Y6 throw), Thomas Barratt (1st Y5 throw, 2nd Y5 long jump), Logan Murdoch (2nd Y5 throw, 2nd Y6 shot putt), Eloise Wakefield (2nd Y5 80m), Ayda McGinley (4th Y4 60m) and the boys' and girls' relay teams who both qualified for the finals.

HOUSE POINTS

The final scores for House Points this term are as follows:

1st: Helvellyn 1810 2nd: Blencathra 1798 3rd: Skiddaw 1752 4th: Cat Bells 1713

The 50 bonus points Helvellyn earned for sports day proved to be significant. With time so short and the fact that Skiddaw never received their 'treat' for winning the previous term, all children will enjoy a special ice cream at Tuesday morning playtime. The staff and I have already planned how the winners of House Points each term will be rewarded next term to avoid the same thing happening again.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND CARE

Before and After School care run on Monday and Tuesday next week as normal. There is no after school care on Wednesday 19th July.

At the start of next term, Before and After School Care will begin on the first day, Wednesday 6th September and for the remainder of the week and we will be able to accommodate all who need this service. A booking form for the rest of the term will be available at the start of next term.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Border Embroideries have notified us that the last day for ordering uniform to guarantee delivery before the new term is Sunday 30th July.

SUMMER FUN DAY

As you may well know, there is a summer fun day on Saturday 5th August taking place in the Village Hall and on the school field. Please support this event if you are able.

ATTENDANCE

Y1 ended the year with an impressive 97.00% attendance over the year and were the best attenders. They will be rewarded with a suitable treat in September. Y3 were the best attenders this week though with 99.21% attendance.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The **Pupil of the Week** this week is **Darcy Clarke (Y5)** for her confident and talented performance in 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Sports Trophies** go to **Thomas Barratt (Y5)** who came 1st in the ball throw and 2nd in the long jump, **Logan Murdoch (Y5)** who was 2nd in the ball throw and 2nd in the shot putt and **Zoe Carrick (Y4)** who didn't win anything but never stopped smiling whilst trying her hardest.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17/7/23	Activity Day and Water Fight (2.30pm)
18/7/23	House Rounders (am)
18/7/23	Action Ants Mini Sports Challenge for Rec & Y1/2(pm)
18/7/23	Leavers' Lunch
19/7/23	Leavers' Assembly (9.00am)
19/7/23	End of Term (1.15pm)
4&5/9/23	INSET Days (Staff only)
6/9/23	Term begins