



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 new 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 and will be assisted by Mrs Park-Russell; Mrs Barratt is the Y1/2 teacher and will be assisted by Mrs Haughan; Mr Travers and Mrs Sharp continue with Y3/4 and Mrs Wakefield is supported by Miss Davy in Y5/6. Miss Fleming continues to teach throughout the school.

We are also joined by Miss Abbie Reay who is a former pupil and joins us as a teaching assistant apprentice. She will work mainly in Y5/6 and Y1/2.

Miss Breare has started her maternity leave and is due to return to the school in 2024.

School was pretty quiet over the holidays, but hopefully you will have noticed the new Early Years outdoor area which we are all really pleased with.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

READING INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS – Wednesday 13th 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 Wednesday 13th September and will finish by 3.15pm. Come to the front door of the school.

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 18th September. This half term we have Junior Gymnastics (Monday), Action Ants (Tuesday), Film (Wednesday), Infant Gymnastics and Junior Football (Thursday) and Taskmaster (Friday). See separate letter and booking form for more information.

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. Each year group will also be having half a term of gymnastics at Carlisle Gym Club. Year 6 will be going this term at 9.30am on Wednesdays starting this Wednesday 13th September.

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 **Jack Whittle (Y1)** for trying really hard and impressing Mrs Barratt. The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Logan Murdoch (Y6)** for doing a very good job as a Y6 'buddy' looking after Reception children.

COMMUNICATION

This 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 comes via our MIS which might mean it goes to your junk mail folder. The newsletter is added to the website and is also on classlists. 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, don't use 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. Please also don't use classlists to ask a question where the answer is in the newsletter.

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

13/9/23	Reading Information Meeting for Reception/Y1 parents (2.45pm)
25/9/23	A.I.M. High Writing Day at St Margaret Mary's (Y5/6)
26/9/23	Library Bus Visit
26/9/23	Governors' meeting (7pm)
27/9/23	Football: Medium Schools 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
3/10/23	Girls' Football: 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
12/10/23	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
20/10/23	Finish for Half Term
30/10/23	New Half Term begins
10/11/23	R, Y1, Y2 visit to Vue Cinema – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
15/11/23	School Photographs (Heidi Bea)
20/11/23	A.I.M. High Maths Day at St Margaret Mary's (Y3/4)
7/12/23	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
14/12/23	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
19/12/23	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term