



# NEWSLETTER

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## STAFF NEWS

One of our midday supervisors, Fiona Thompson will be leaving the school at half term having worked at Cummersdale for four and a half years. The children are very fond of Fiona who has been out in all weathers caring for and ensuring their safety at lunchtime. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking Fiona for all her hard work during her time at the school.

We will be advertising for a replacement soon with further details available on the school website.

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

The school would like to celebrate the Harvest with a special assembly for the Harvest. Kate Davidson from St James' Church will join us. This will take place on Thursday afternoon and will be just for the pupils.

During the course of next week, we would be grateful if any donations of food can be brought into school for a Harvest table. These should be tins or packets of food and will be given to the food bank at St James' Church for those in need from within the Parish.

## Y3/4 CLASS ASSEMBLY - Friday 13th October

The children from Y3/4 will be sharing the work they have done in class with an assembly on Friday 20th October at 9am. Parents, friends and families are welcome.

## NUTS AND HEALTHY LUNCHES

We have noticed a number of nut products coming into school. We have various allergies in school which we manage, but we are having to check packed lunches to ensure the safety of our children. If parents can ensure that nut products are not included ( eg Nutella, brioches, cereal bars), this would be most helpful. We have also noticed that the contents of packed lunches are variable and worryingly, some lunches don't appear to have anything savoury in them. Please also try to ensure that your child has a healthy packed lunch.

## UNIFORM

Just a reminder that Border Embroidery currently have a sale on with jumpers priced at £8.88 and cardigans at £8.

With the weather being variable at the moment, cardigans and jumpers are being put on and taken off frequently which results in a number of lost items. If these are named, they can be easily returned, if not, they can go missing. Also please send your child with a coat, ideally which is warm and waterproof, as the children do play out even when it is drizzling.

Also may I remind everyone that on PE Days, children should just wear the normal school jumper over their PE kit rather than any type of hoodie or tracksuit top.

## **SPORT**

The girls took part in a tournament at Harraby earlier this week. They played 6 matches, defending extremely well conceding a miserly 5 goals and rounding off the tournament with a win against High Hesketh. Mr Travers has arranged two fixtures for the girls against local schools which will take place on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th October. Further details to follow.

## **HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

The school will hold its annual House Cross Country Event on Friday 13th October. All children (including Reception) are involved with the Infants running around a course within the school grounds (2pm) and the Juniors running down at Cummersdale Holmes (2.30pm). Children should come to school in PE kits that day but should have something with them with a good grip to run in - wellies and pumps aren't suitable. The field will no doubt be muddy, so old trainers are probably best. A bag to put muddy footwear in afterwards would be useful.

Parents may come and watch with Reception, Y1 and Y2 races taking place at 2pm around the school grounds, Following the races, the children will go back in to school but can be collected a few minutes later from the usual place if it makes things easier.

The races for Y3,4,5 and 6 will take place down the footpath at Cummersdale Holmes. Again parents can come and watch. Following the races, we will walk back up the hill but children won't really be ready to leave until normal school hometime.

## **FEET FIRST CHALLENGE**

Our school will be taking part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge starting on Monday 16 October and finishing on Friday 20 October 2023. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting sustainable active journeys on the school run.

There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as the chance to win a whole school prize and so we would love everyone to take part and travel to school in an active way whenever possible. The challenge is also open to school staff and we will be making every effort to take part too. Walking, cycling, skating, scooting, and park & stride are all active ways of travelling.

During the challenge each child will receive their own bookmark on which pupils who have travelled actively can record their journey by adding a special sticker. Those pupils with at least one sticker on the bookmark at the end of the challenge will be awarded a small individual prize.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey, (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Peter Milburn (Rec)** for trying really hard with his letters in Read, Write Inc.. Last week's winner was **Peyton Jesse (Y6)** who arranged a meeting for herself and Mrs Wakefield at Pirelli's and also spoke confidently to some prospective parents who were visiting the school.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **JoJo Pearson (Y4)** who at playtime helped some younger children who were working in the hall with their Maths.. Last week's winner was **Riley Kirk (Y6)** for being a good team player involving younger pupils at football practice.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophies go to **Brooke Sullivan (Y6)** for her flexibility and lack of fuss when working with others in gymnastics and **Thomas Ormerod (Y3)** who did really well making his debut at football practice. Last week's winner being **Olivia Whyte (Y3)** for determination on the football field.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The school's attendance rate stands at 96.57% this term which is most pleasing, especially as there seem to be a few bugs going around at the moment. Reception lead the way with 98.3% having had 100% attendance this week. Well done!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Helvellyn are the leaders this term with 286 points, followed by Blencathra 269, Cat bells 258 and Skiddaw 242. The Houses are competing for a round of golf at Dino Golf in December this term.

## **FANTASY FOOTBALL**

The fantasy football season is in full swing with 22 teams in the Cummersdale League. Kyle Atkinson's 'Baldie's Boys' are in the lead with Charlotte Scott's 'You're Klopped' and Jake Bell's 'Jakey GB' in hot pursuit. Don't forget to adjust your team before the Saturday matches.

## **RAG BAG**

The Rag Bag clothing container has recently been emptied and raised £67.51 for school. Situated in the car park, it raises £300 a year for the school. Any donations of clothing are always welcomed.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

10/10/23	RSC Young Leaders Course (2 x Y4)
10/10/23	Y5/6 Trip to Life Centre and Hindu Temple, Newcastle
11/10/23	Y1/2 Trip to Maryport Aquarium
12/10/23	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
12/10/23	Harvest Assembly
13/10/23	House Cross Country (pm)
16/10/23	Feet First Challenge
18/10/23	CSSA Cross Country, The Sheepmount
20/10/23	Y3/4 Class assembly (9am)
20/10/23	Finish for Half Term
30/10/23	New Half Term begins
1/11/23	Small Schools Football, Harraby
7/11/23	Maths Challenge Day, Caldew School (some Y5/6 children)
10/11/23	R, Y1, Y2 visit to Vue Cinema – Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
15/11/23	School Photographs (Heidi Bea)
17/11/23	Hi 5 Netball Competition (Y5/6)
20/11/23	A.I.M. High Maths Day at St Margaret Mary's (Y4)
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)