



# NEWSLETTER

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## STAFF NEWS

The school is advertising for an additional teaching assistant to help support the children in school and join our team of dedicated staff. Further details are available on the school website.

In the short term, Mrs Rachel Robinson has joined the school and will be supporting the children in the Y3/4 class most days until Christmas.

## HISTORY WEEK

History week was great fun with Tullie House joining us for a 'Tullie Takeover'. The day where each house used their Historical knowledge about successful toys to help create a marble game was fantastic. The children led the day and we were pleasantly surprised that websites, QR codes and movies were all made as part of the day. Our next theme week is for Design Technology scheduled for the first half term after Christmas.

## FOOTBALL

The girls have completed two more league games. Whilst they are steadily improving and have learnt lots about keeping a shape, they were unfortunate to lose against Upperby and Newlathes.

The U11s took part in the EFL Cup organised by Carlisle United. The standard of football was high and it took some good defending and goalkeeping to keep our opponents out.

The U9s took part in the Kickabout Festival again organised by Carlisle United. They saw greater success winning 4 and drawing 1 of their 5 games.

## NETBALL

A team of eight Y5/6 girls took part in a Hi-5 Netball Competition at the University of Cumbria. It was a successful event and the girls learnt a great deal. There is another similar event planned for the Spring Term.

## CROSS COUNTRY

18 children took part in a cross country event at Lime House School today. In the Y3/4 race, Noah Jesse came 1st overtaking Theo Allison on the finishing straight who led the race from start to finish. Jake Bell in 4th wasn't far behind. In the Y5/6 race, Eloise Wakefield ran a very steady and carefully planned race to come 2nd. All athletes were rewarded with medals, but perhaps appreciated the hot chocolate at the end just as much.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need. The school raised£159 for this worthy cause.

## **PANTOMIME VISITS      R, Y1 and Y2: 7th December; Y3 – 6: 14th December**

The children will travel to Newcastle Theatre Royal to see a production of ‘Pinocchio’ with Infants going on Thursday 7th December and the Juniors going on Thursday 14th 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 into school as normal and will join other classes for the afternoon.

## **INFANT NATIVITY ‘HEY PRESTO’ - Friday 15th december**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been rehearsing and learning words for their Nativity ‘Hey Presto’. This will take place on Friday 15th December at 2.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall. The change of venue has meant that it will be easier for rehearsals. There is a limited capacity at the Village Hall, but we are able to offer two tickets per family initially priced at £2 each. These are available via SchoolMoney. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes, after which the children will return to school for a quick change and can then be collected. Further details about costumes etc will come nearer the time.

## **CHESTER ZOO – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

Thank you all for your responses to the Chester Zoo Trip survey. There was a very positive response and your comments have been very useful and helped with planning. We have booked transport and all children will be able to go. We will issue further details in two weeks along with the next newsletter.

## **SCIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

The school is working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark and as part of this application, parental views are sought. If any parents who would like to respond to a short questionnaire can, it would be most helpful. Please use the link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeudS9C0zen1clQogQKtCQnWZxc9g4al6WqnTyBt8h3Moj1Ug/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeudS9C0zen1clQogQKtCQnWZxc9g4al6WqnTyBt8h3Moj1Ug/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Jood Eltahir (Y6)** for her efforts at swimming this week. Last week's winner was **Joey McDermott (Y1)** for very good progress with phonics and Numbots.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Lucan May (Y6)** for using his time out of school to help improve the environment with a litter pick in Denton Holme. Last week's winner was **Phoebe Sutherland (Y2)** for writing a 'welcome' card to a new pupil in the school.

Last week's winner of the Enjoy-a-ball trophy was **Ethan Kelly-Bowe (Y5)** for his goalkeeping heroics in a football tournament last week.

## **ATTENDANCE**

There appears to be a battle between Reception and Year 2 this year. Y2 have 97.57% attendance, whilst Reception have 97.54% since the start of September. Reception have the best attendance this half term (98.62%) but both Reception and Year 2 had 100% attendance this week. Well done!

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Helvellyn are still the leaders this term with 894 points, followed by Blencathra 827, Cat Bells 816 and Skiddaw 804.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

27/11/23	Reception and Y6 Height and Weight Measuring
5/12/23	Governors Meeting
7/12/23	Rec, Y1, Y2 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
12/12/23	Christmas Dinner
13/12/23	Sports Hall Athletics (Y5/6)
13/12/23	House Treat: Dino Golf
14/12/23	Y3-6 Pantomime Trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle
15/12/23	Infant Nativity, Cummersdale Village Hall (2pm)
18/12/23	Christmas Party Day
19/12/23	End of Term (1.15pm)