



# NEWSLETTER

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This will be the last main newsletter before the end of term which has details of the remaining events in school. We will continue to wear uniform most days as in amongst the various 'fun' activities, the children are still completing NFER tests. In short, Tuesday 12th is Christmas jumper day, Thursday 14th (Junior Panto Day) is uniform but with Christmas 'bling' for Juniors and Monday 18th is Party Day - anything goes.

## MR MADDISON

Today is Mr Maddison's last day in Y1/2 as he has completed his placement. We all wish him well as he carries on his training to become a teacher.

## Y3 GYM

There will be no Y3 Gym next week. However, it will be a normal PE Day for the class.

## SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

12 children from Y5/6 will be taking part in a Sports Hall Athletics Event at Harraby Sports Hall next Wednesday. Further information has been sent to those involved.

## HOUSE TREAT

Helvellyn are this term's House point winners and they will all enjoy an afternoon at Jurassic Golf on Wednesday. A separate letter will be sent to those in Helvellyn with further details.

## PANTOMIME VISIT            Y3 – 6: 14th December

The Infants thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Newcastle yesterday and all went smoothly. The children from Y3 - 6 will go next week to the Theatre Royal to see a production of 'Pinocchio'. We will leave school at 12.00 noon after an early lunch, 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.

- 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!*

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

We are all looking forward to a festive dinner on this day. To get into the Christmas spirit, please try and wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy. Action Ants will still be taking place for the younger children in the afternoon, but a Christmas jumper could be worn instead of a school jumper over PE Kits.

### **INFANT NATIVITY - 'HAY PRESTO' - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been rehearsing and learning words for their Nativity 'Hay Presto'. This will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in Cummersdale Village Hall. Allocated tickets are still available via SchoolMoney but must be paid for by **Monday**. Any remaining tickets will then be re-allocated to those who require more. The performance will last approximately 45 minutes, after which the children will return to school for a quick change and can then be collected. Any last minute information will come through 'classlists' nearer the time.

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

The Infants will have their party in the morning with the Juniors having theirs in the afternoon. Children can come to school in party clothes, anything Christmassy or non uniform. Lunch on that day will be a party style buffet where there will be something suitable for all tastes.

### **END OF TERM**

Term ends on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **1.15pm**. There is no after school care on this day. School then reopens on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

Due to the special event days previously mentioned, the menus have been altered. These changes can be found on the website at - [www.cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/school-meals/](http://www.cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/school-meals/). If you wish to change any of your existing meals choices or pre-book Christmas dinner or party food, please contact the school office.

### **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS**

Can I politely remind parents that if you require before or after school care, you must pre-book in advance via your SchoolMoney account. Only emergency on the day care can be booked via the school office. **After school activity clubs finish on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If you still require after school care only sessions between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, then please pre-book via SchoolMoney also. **There will be no after school care session on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.

A booking form for next half term's clubs will be issued (via SchoolMoney) next week.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Jack Whittle (Y1)** for being good fun and great company at the pantomime and also making fine progress in Read, Write, Inc. Last week's winner was **Alex Kerr (Y1)** for being a really good friend.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Radley Errington (Y2)** for being helpful and sensible with younger children at the interval on the pantomime visit. Last week's winner was **Blake Ulyart (Y3)** for tidying the corridor without anyone even asking.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Many children are tiring and fending off various bugs so it is pleasing to have maintained a whole school attendance of just under 96%. The best attenders this term have been Y2 with 97.36% with Reception being the best this half term with 97.65%. Y3 were the best attenders this week with 96.91%.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Helvellyn are this term's House point winners with 1226 points They were followed by Skiddaw with 1136, Blencathra with 1131 and Cat bells with 1098. The House points are reset at the start of next term and I'm sure the children will be doing their best to catch Helvellyn next term, but in the meantime, it's congratulations to Helvellyn.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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)
3/1/24	Start of Term