



# NEWSLETTER

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*Happy New Year! The term has started well and it was lovely to hear about everyone's Christmas holidays. I've also found out about children's New Year's resolutions – I wonder how many will keep them! Three new pupils have started the school and I would like to welcome Emerson Watson (Rec) Davetta Adedoyin (Y2) and David Adedoyin (Y4) and their families to Cummersdale.*

## GROUND WORKS

DIG Landscapes are currently improving the area at the back of school. It will create more space for the children at playtime and make the area more purposeful and should be completed by mid January.

## STAFF NEWS

The school have added to their team of teaching assistants and have employed Miss Sarah Maclagan. She will join us on 15<sup>th</sup> January and work mainly in Y1/2 as well as supporting the midday supervision team.

## Y4 GYM

This half term, Y4 will be visiting Carlisle Gym Club on Wednesday mornings. They should come to school in their PE Kits on this day. Y3/4 will continue to have their normal PE days on Thursdays too.

## CHESS

The children from Y3 – 6 will be able to take part in an internal chess competition this half term. Each child plays 7 matches and points are awarded which enable the children to get small prizes. Sign up by Monday if interested.

## SWIMMING

Later in the term, Y3/4 (1 week) and Y1/2 (2 weeks) will be going swimming at The Sands. These are intensive blocks where the children make significant progress in a short space of time.

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

A letter about this visit has been added to School Money. I have also posted it on Classlists as there is quite a lot of useful information included.

## HOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION

During the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January, all children in school will be taking part in a handwriting competition. Children will demonstrate their best handwriting by writing a words and sentences (youngest pupils) or poems (older pupils). Even the staff take part!

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

May 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 Clubs begin next week with Art (Monday), Infant Action Ant (Tuesday), Film (Weds), Junior Cooking (Thursday) and Curling (Friday).

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Maram Eltahir (Rec)** who has made a really good start to 2024 and impressed Mrs Park Russell with her Maths.

The winner of this week's **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** is **Joshua Menery (Y3)** for trying hard, being very proud of the work he's done and always having a smile.

## **ATTENDANCE**

There are 29 children with 100% attendance since September which is very impressive considering the number of bugs which have been floating around. Attendance hasn't been good this week but will hopefully improve now that everyone is back into the routine. Y1 were the best attenders with 98.61%, but Reception remain the best for the year with 96.91%.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

3/1/24	Start of Term
9/1/24	Chess Competition begins
10/1/24	Y4 Gym Sessions begin
15/1/24	House Handwriting Competition
15/1/24	Girls Football v Yewdale & Norman St at Harraby (3.30pm)
15/1/24	A.I.M. High Science Day (Y5/6)
17/1/24	Rec/Y1 Dental Check
22/1/24	Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics
23/1/24	Whole School Trip to Chester Zoo
25/1/24	Book Bus to visit School
2/2/24	Y5/6 Class Assembly (9am)
2/2/24	Y5/6 Netball Competition – Harraby
5 - 9/2/24	Y3/4 Swimming sessions begin (daily)
5/ - 9/2/24	Design Technology Theme Week
5/2/24	PC Kirkpatrick – Internet Safety Talk
9/2/24	Chinese New Year – The Big Chop
9/2/24	Finish for Half Term
19/2/24	New Half term begins
22/2/24	Y5/6 – Garden Village Talk
23/2/24	Key Steps Gymnastics Competition, The Sands
29/2/24	Y5/6 Eden Rock Bouldering Competition
6/3/24	Dental Nurse Visit for 5 year olds
11 - 22/3/24	Y1/2 Swimming Sessions begin (Daily)
18/3/24	Feet First Challenge – Walk to School Week
18/3/24	Reception: 'U' Dance rehearsal
19/3/24	Governors meeting (7pm)
20/3/24	Eden Rock Bouldering Super Final
21/3/24	A.I.M. High Writing Day for Y3/4
21/3/24	Reception: 'U' Dance Performance
27/3/24	CSSA Swimming Gala
28/3/24	End of term