



NEWSLETTER

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STAFF NEWS

Unfortunately, Miss Davy will be leaving Cummersdale School next week. She has juggled her University course alongside being a teaching assistant and will concentrate now on her studies for the remainder of the year. Miss Davy has been at the school for almost two years and has supported children in Reception and Y5/6. She has helped with after school care, midday supervision, trips and residentials and has been well liked by children and staff. We all wish her well for the future.

CHESTER ZOO – Tuesday 23rd January

The Chester Zoo Trip will take place on Tuesday next week. With 100 children going and all staff, it should be great day. Here is some information which will help the day go smoothly for all.

Please arrive at school at **7.15am**. The front of the school will be open (the back won't) and children will be able to go to the toilet one last time before departure. We will board the bus at about 7.20-7.25am and intend to leave as close to 7.30am as possible.

Although there are toilets on the buses, we intend to have a very brief toilet stop at Charnock Richard Services and somewhere similar on the return journey.

Children will need a packed lunch and this should be placed in a suitable bag like a rucksack which can be carried around the Zoo. It is always easier if the children have their hands free.

School will provide a snack (fruit/biscuits etc) which will be eaten on the way. No sweets should be brought.

The weather forecast suggests that it will rain for some of the day but will be quite mild, so please make sure your children wear a waterproof coat that will keep them as dry as possible with gloves and a hat recommended. Uniform should be worn underneath.

Children can bring magazines, games, puzzles to occupy them on the journey, but do think sensibly about what can be used on a coach.

Travel sickness tablets for the journey home can be given to teachers to administer to pupils in readiness for the return journey.

The children have been allocated into groups within their classes which will be supervised by two adults.

No spending money is required.

Our expected return time is **6.45pm**, although much depends on when we leave the zoo, how much traffic there is and whether we stop on the journey back. We will give an updated expected time of arrival when we are at Kendal which will be approximately an hour from home.

CHESS

The chess competition is in full swing with the twenty-eight children already onto the 4th round of matches. Eloise Wakefield and Noah Jesse have 3 wins from 3 and a number of people remain unbeaten including Zack Rankine, Alice Dickinson, Liam Pearson and Ayda McGinley.

FOOTBALL

On one of the coldest evenings this winter, the girls team took part in two matches and the arctic conditions may have helped as the girls beat Yewdale (3 – 0) and Norman St (2 – 1). There were mixed feelings of jubilation and pain at full time and I heard reports that it took two hot water bottles to get one of our players warm again.

Joking aside, they were fantastic performances and show how much the girls have improved since September. The team is also placed 4th out of 12 in the Carlisle Schools League. Well done!

HOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Year	Positions	House
Rec	1 Rae Roberts 2 Spencer Atkinson 3 Sophie Menery	B B B
1	1 Aurora Gow 2 Ted Bolger 3 Rey Whiffin	B H H
2	1 Matilda Wilson 2 Carter Pattinson 3 Olivia Martin	C B C
3	1 Olivia Whyte 2 Millie Rome 3 Harley Mounsey	C B S
4	1 Noah Jesse 2 Jo Jo Pearson 3 Thea Clarke	C B H
5	1 Rania Shah 2 Zoe Carrick 3 Zachary Johnston	B H B
6	1 Kayla Reilly 2 Eloise Wakefield 3 Thomas Barratt	S B C
Staff	1 Mrs Wakefield 2 Mrs Barratt 3 Miss Reay	B C B

The competition was judged by one of our governors, Mrs Marilyn Whiffin. She found it very difficult and commented on how good the quality of handwriting was throughout the school. This year, there was a record number of entries from staff (10) who all earned points for their Houses.

The final points scored were as follows:

1 st	Blencathra	105 points
2 nd	Cat Bells	59
3 rd	Helvellyn	44
4 th	Skiddaw	25

ACTION ANTS

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will have their PE sessions on Monday morning with Action Ants instead of Tuesday next week. This means that children should come in PE kits on Monday.

Y5/6 RESIDENTIAL

A date has been set for the Y5/6 Residential. This will take place from **Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June 2024** and the children will be going to Robin Wood Activity Centre, near Alston. The school have had successful visits there previously and will return there to try activities such as abseiling, canoeing, the giant swing, crate stacking and the infamous piranha pool. Further information and details about payment has been set up on SchoolMoney.

JEWELLERY

We are having problems with children wearing jewellery for school. There is no need to wear jewellery and it is not permitted in our uniform policy. If ears are pierced, then only studs may be worn and these will be removed or covered for PE lessons/sports activities. Bracelets and necklaces should not be worn. We have had incidences of them being lost or broken which creates problems in school.

MAKE UP

We are also having problems with children wearing make up at school. This has never been a problem previously but seems to be creeping in at Y5 and Y6. Whilst lip balms can be used, especially in cold weather, this does not include lip gloss. Acrylic nails are not permitted – they seem to stop children being able to hold a pen. Whilst we understand that sometimes nail varnish may stay on following a party, if this privilege is abused and nail varnish is worn routinely, we will have to disallow this and provide materials for its removal.

Both make up and jewellery may be worn if absolutely necessary on our non-uniform days.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Liberty Cayne (Y5)** for being an eager learner and trying especially hard with writing and Maths. She also did the tackle of the match during the match v Norman St.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophy goes to **Gracie Jordan (Y5)** for a commanding performance in midfield during the girls football matches.

ATTENDANCE

The cold weather seems to have resulted in lots of ailments, so attendance has been down this week. **Year 3** were the best attenders with 97% and maintain their position as best year group for the year with 96.8%.

HOUSE POINTS

At this stage of the term (and following a good performance in the handwriting), Blencathra lead the way with 247, Helvellyn are next with 205, then Skiddaw with 170 and Cat Bells with 150.

It looks as if Houses will be competing for a game of ten pin bowling this term which will take place just before Easter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
8/2/24	Y3/4 Football: harraby
9/2/24	Chinese New Year – The Big Chop
9/2/24	Finish for Half Term
19/2/24	New Half term begins
21/2/24	Curling Club Trip to Lockerbie Ice Rink
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
29/2/24	Y3/4 Girls Football
6/3/24	Dental Nurse Visit for 5 year olds
11 - 22/3/24	Y1/2 Swimming Sessions begin (Daily)
12/3/24	Y3/4 Trip to Vindolanda
15/3/24	Y3 3 x 3 Football Tournament
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