



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back for what promises to be a busy half term. The weather is still cold but with a dry spell forecast for next week, hopefully we will be able to have our playtimes on the field for the first time since the early autumn.

RECEPTION NEW STARTERS - SEPTEMBER 2024

The school was oversubscribed this year and will have 15 children starting in Reception in September. There are a few younger siblings of current pupils and I'll be writing to all parents of new starters with details about transition in the next week or so.

AIM HIGH WRITING DAY and Y1 POETRY DAY

Four Y5 children enjoyed a writing day with the author Colin Parsons who built confidence and encouraged creativity for those in attendance. Earlier in the week, four children experienced a poetry day at Thursby School learning tongue twisters and limericks.

UNIFORM - A FEW REMINDERS

Following my last newsletter, the wearing of uniform seems to be better at the start of this term although there are one or two pairs of brightly coloured trainers and cycling shorts being worn as part of the normal uniform.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Over the last two weeks, Cat Bells who were last term's House point winners enjoyed a trip to the bowling. Whilst some of the children may never have bowled before, they picked it up quickly and put the teachers to shame with their scores.

FOOTBALL

The school have been regular visitors to Brunton Park this week taking part in three different football festivals. Two teams from Y3/4 took part with one team appearing to be top of their group. The girls played a whopping eight matches and only lost one and the Y5/6 boys won two, lost two and drew two of their matches.

The next football match is a friendly for Y5/6 footballers against Longtown which will take place on Thursday 2nd May after school on the MUGA.

Y1/2 TRIP TO CARLISLE CASTLE

The Y1/2 trip to Carlisle Castle was very successful. The children all behaved well and even Mrs Barratt learnt a few new things about the castle.

PARENTS' EVENING

Most parents have signed up for Parents' Evening. If you would like an appointment, do contact the school either by phone or in person at the start or end of the school day.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK AND KINDNESS CUP

Our Pupil of the Week is **Olivia Martin (Y2)** for her cheery nature around school and her beautiful handwriting in Read, Write Inc.

The Kindness Cup goes to **Jonah Wake (Y1)** for helping another child throughout the week who was just getting used to his crutches.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophies go to **Blake Ulliyart (Y4)** for his beaming smile after scoring and assisting and **Ethan Kelly-Bowe (Y5)** for his enthusiastic and talented performance at Brunton Park.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

We're now at the business end of the season and some managers are fully utilising their bench boosts, free hits or wild cards. Kyle Atkinson's 'Baldies Boys' still lead the way, with Bradley Leathers 'Dinamo Chicken Kiev' being best pupil. Mr Travers 'Cheesy Garnachos' are putting some late form together and he is now best placed of the teachers.

ATTENDANCE

Y3 remain as the best attenders for the year (96.53%), but Y2 are leading the way this term (98.17%), helped by 100% attendance this week. Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1/5	Parents' Evening
Thu 2/5	Y5/6 Football v Longtown (H) 3.30pm
Thu 2/5	Book Bus to visit school
Mon 6/5	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 13/5	KS2 SATs week
Mon 20/5	Cultural and Diversity Week (Whole School)
Mon 20/5	Feet First Challenge
Mon 20/5	Y3/4 Tennis Competition, Chatsworth Tennis Club
Tue 21/5	Whole School Trip to Mabie Farm Park
Fri 24/5	Finish for Half Term
Mon 3/6	Half Term begins
Fri 7/6	Y5/6 Go Activ Football Competition
Tue 11/6	Y6 Welcome Evening, Caldew School
Thu 13-Fri 14/6	Y4 Residential, Ratlingate
Mon 17/6	Girls' Football League Matches, Harraby
Mon 24/6	Y5 taster Day, Caldew School

Tue 25/6 Governors' Meeting
Wed 26-Fri 28 Y5/6 Residential, Robin Wood
Mon 1/7 Y6 Transition Day: Caldeu and NTS
Thu 4/7 Athletics Event, Sheepmount
Fri 5/7 Y3/4 Go Activ Football Competition
Mon 8/7 Y5/6 Concert: St Cuthbert's Church
Tue 9/7 Y5/6 Concert: St Cuthbert's Church
Mon 15/7 Olympic Theme Week (Whole School)
Fri 19/7 End of term (1.15pm)