



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome all the new starters and their parents to Cummersdale School. There are 15 new children in Reception and they all seem to be settling in really well. It was great to see all children throughout the school again, hearing about their adventures from the holidays this week and seeing them entering school enthusiastically each day – long may it continue!

Miss Fleming is now the Reception teacher and will be assisted by Mrs Park-Russell; Mrs Barratt is the Y1/2 teacher and will be assisted by Mrs Haughan; Mr Travers and Mrs Sharp continue with Y3/4 along with Miss Maclagan and Mrs Wakefield is supported by Miss Breare in Y5/6. Mrs Scott will teach throughout the school as well as having the SENCo role and assisting with school improvement. Miss Reay will continue supporting children throughout the school, but will be based mainly in Y1/2.

School was pretty quiet over the holidays. Contractors have been measuring up the lane at the side of the school which will be tarmacked, but as this is a joint project with the Parish Council, it may take a bit longer to sort.

CONTACT DETAILS

Just a reminder that if you change or have changed your mobile phone number, e-mail or address, please let school know.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS/CARE

Before School and After School Care are up and running and will be available each day. After School Activities begin on **Monday 16th September**. The activities are just being finalised and a separate letter and booking via Schoolmoney will be available early next week.

PE LESSONS

From Thursday next week, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having PE Lessons with Mr Travers who will develop basic skills as well as having lots of fun. He has a wealth of experience in PE having previously been a sports coach.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit in on the following days:

Y3/4	Monday
Y5/6	Wednesday
Y1/2	Thursday
Reception	Thursday

Children should come to school wearing the school PE Kit which is blue shorts and a white T-shirt. As autumn is approaching, plain jogging bottoms in blue/black/grey can be worn. A school jumper should be worn on the top half.

I would also like to clarify that earrings should not be worn for PE. Children who wear earrings should be able to take them out, or preferably not wear them on PE days. Where ear-rings can not be removed, children should bring tape with them to cover the earring. Bear this in mind when getting your child's ears pierced; the start of the summer holidays being the best time.

Please also try to ensure that all uniform and kits are named as it saves us so much time in school

COMMUNICATION

This newsletter is issued fortnightly which gives information about school events as well as recognising achievements of our pupils. This is sent by e-mail, but comes via our MIS which might mean it goes to your junk mail folder. The newsletter is added to the website and is also on classlists. Other important whole school announcements come via letter, text message or sometimes classlists from myself.

Classlists has proved to be very useful and tends to be used by teachers to remind parents about things that are happening or make a request for cardboard boxes etc for a project in school. It is also useful for parents to check with the teacher what is happening in school, or query homeworks. Teachers may reply quite quickly at times, but they are less likely to reply as quick at unsociable hours, at weekends or in the holidays. Whilst it is often convenient, don't use classlists to arrange birthday parties as a number of staff are linked to each class and don't really need to know arrangements for parties etc. Please also don't use classlists to ask a question where the answer is in the newsletter.

Facebook is used to celebrate events that have happened in and out of school. We know that this allows several parents and other family members to see what's been happening in school.

HOLIDAYS/ABSENCES

If you have to take a holiday during term time, the procedure is to write to myself by e-mail and request the time off school. Recent guidance for attendance has just been issued for schools and I will be writing to parents shortly about this and its implications.

For absences, please ring the school office before 8.45am, leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary. E-mailing admin@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk is also acceptable. Do **not** use classlists to report an absence. Many hours each term are wasted following up absences when a simple phone message/e-mail would suffice.

EARLY PICK UP

Towards the end of last year there were a large number of parents who came to pick their child up a few minutes early. This was usually to get to an appointment. Whilst it may be more convenient for the parent, it disrupts a lesson and takes staff away from what they should be doing etc. Often, by the time a child had gathered their bag, lunchbox etc, it was bedtime anyhow. From now on, if a child does have an appointment which means them leaving school early, they should be picked up at playtime (2 – 2.15pm) and there should be evidence of the appointment. The school acknowledges that sometimes it is very hard to get appointments out of school hours but hopefully this will mean that only those with genuine reasons to leave early do so. Do contact me directly if this proves difficult.

SCOOTER DAY

The school will be holding a scooter day tomorrow in school which we received as a prize for winning the last season of Street Tag. Normal uniform should be worn. Further details have been sent via Classlists.

READING INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS – Tuesday 17th September 2.45pm

Miss Fleming (Reception Teacher) and Mrs Barratt (English Subject Leader) will hold an information session on how we teach reading at Cummersdale School. It is aimed at Reception parents, but may also be useful for parents of Y1 or Y2 children who are perhaps new or missed it last year. They will explain about our Read, Write, Inc. phonics scheme, talk about reading at home and school and go through how you can help your child to develop their reading skills. It will take place in the hall at 2.45pm on Tuesday 17th September and will finish by 3.15pm. Come to the front door of the school.

APPLES/DAMSONS

Finally – we have a large number of apples and damsons on trees around the school (towards the bottom of the field on the right hand side). Whilst we will use some of them for use in school, there are loads that will just go to waste. They are mainly cooking apples and anyone who would like them can just help themselves.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/9/24	Scoutfit Scooter Day
17/9/24	NSPCC to visit Y5/6
17/9/24	Reading Information Meeting for Reception/Y1 parents (2.45pm)
17/9/24	Governors' meeting (7pm)
19/9/24	A.I.M. High Writing Day at St Margaret Mary's (Y5/6)
19/9/24	Library Bus Visit
26/9/24	Medium Schools Football Competition, Harraby (Y5/6)
27/9/24	Individual School Photos
9/10/24	Young leader Training, Rosley (Y5)
11/10/24	Carlisle Schools Cross-Country, Sheepmount (Y3 – 6)
11/10/24	Tom Palmer – Author Visit (Y3 – 6)
16/10/24	Girls' Football: 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am
23/10/24	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
25/10/24	Fire Brigade Bonfire Night Safety Talk
25/10/24	Finish for Half Term
4/11/24	New Half Term begins
5/11/24	Y3/4 at Carlisle Cathedral
18/11/24	Y5/6 CPR Training from the Fire Brigade
28/11/24	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
3/12/24	Y3/4 Carlisle Cathedral Concert
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20/12/24	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term