



NEWSLETTER

8/11/24

E-mail: head@cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk

Website: www.cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk

PARENTS EVENING

Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 27th November with appointments taking place from 2.00pm until 6.00pm. Mr Travers is on a course that day so will hold his parent consultations between 4.00m and 6.00pm on Wednesday but also between 2.00pm and 4.30pm the previous day. (Tuesday 26th). Parents will be able to sign up for appointments from Monday morning either by seeing the class teacher before or after school, or ringing the school office (after 9am).

CHRISTMAS DATES

The Christmas Nativity this year will be 'Fleece Force' which all of Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be involved in. Rehearsals for this will be starting shortly. This year we will be returning to Caldew's Performing Arts Theatre and the show will take place on **Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm.**

I have added other Christmas dates below and will continue to add further events as the term develops.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Four children will be representing the school at a Schools' Remembrance Day Service at the City War Memorial on Monday.

A.I.M. HIGH DAYS and MATHS CHALLENGE DAY

The A.I.M High (Achieve, Inspire Master) days have proved to be very popular with our pupils and enable them to look at improving their skills and confidence within a subject. They are run by an author are held half termly and we fund a small number of children who will benefit to attend. The four Y5 mathematicians who learnt about maths and magic from Andrew Jefferson earlier this week represented the school well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They returned with their own Maths for Magicians Book. The next day is in January and will be for Y5/6 scientists.

Four children from Y5 and 6 will be attending a Maths Challenge Day at Caldew School on Tuesday next week.

WILDFLOWER PLANTING

On Wednesday next week we have been asked to help Cumbria Wildlife Trust planting wild flowers in Cummersdale Copse. These will hopefully bloom in Spring and we will be able to see our hard work then. We are still awaiting further details about timings and numbers and a classlists message will come out to those children involved.

CINEMA VISIT – Rec, Y1 & Y2 Friday 15th November

Next week is Into Film Week where the Film Industry provides free tickets for schools and organises educational activities based on film. On the morning of Friday 15th November, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will visit Vue Cinema on Botchergate to see ‘Despicable Me 4’. Travel will be by coach and children should wear their uniform as normal. The film will run from 10am to 11.40 and the children will be back to school in time for lunch. This will be the first trip out of school for Reception and is a nice reward for their good start to the year.

PANTOMIME LETTER

A pantomime letter should have reached you via Schoolmoney about our pantomime visits on Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th December. Reception, Y1 & Y2 will go to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle to see ‘The Little Mermaid’ on 5th December, with Y3,4,5 & 6 going the following week.

CATCHMENT AREA CONSULTATION

Cumberland Council are proposing to adjust the catchment area boundary for the Amberwood Housing Development on Dalston Road. There is a consultation period which was opened on 7th October 2024 and will last for 6 weeks closing on 17th November 2024. All details are available by clicking on the link below. It is worth looking at particularly if you live in Amberwood as it may affect future admissions for Cummersdale School and for admission to Caldew/Morton Schools.

Comments can be made via a survey also on the link below.

<https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/education/proposed-arrangements-for-community-and-voluntary>

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Y5/6 will be putting on a class assembly showcasing the work they have done so far on Friday 29th November at 9.00am.

CPR TRAINING

Carlisle Fire Brigade will be coming in to school to run a session on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training for Y5/6 on Monday 18th November.

HOUSE POINTS

Cat Bells continue to lead the way with House Points which will continue this half term. The children are working towards a House Treat which could well be at 'Game on' in December.

Cat Bells 1064, Blencathra 1050, Helvellyn 1034, Skiddaw 959.

ATTENDANCE

I have written a separate letter to inform you about important changes regarding pupil attendance which have been implemented across Cumberland schools in line with statutory guidance from September 2024. The letter explains that we will be contacting a small number of families by telephone next week to discuss their current attendance and make sure that they are not at risk of a fixed penalty notice.

Sixty-three of our pupils managed 100% attendance last half term which was most pleasing. Attendance was much improved on the same half term last year with an overall rate of 97.2%. Remarkably, Y1 had an outstanding attendance of 99.45%. Keep up the good work!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Olivia Algeo (Y2)** for big improvements in Maths. Last week the award went to **Maram Eltahir (Y1)** for trying really hard, especially in phonics.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Liberty Cayne (Y6)** for being a great help at lunchtimes when Karen was off earlier in the week. Last week's award went to **Storm McKenzie (Rec)** for his kindness towards other children.

The **Enjoy-a-ball trophy** goes to **Rania Shah (Y6)** for making huge improvements with her swimming.

(Our Kindness Cup seems to have gone missing. If anyone has it at home, please return it as soon as possible)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/11/24	Schools' Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12/11/24	Maths Challenge Day for some Y5/6: Caldew
15/11/24	Rec/Y1/Y2 Visit to the Cinema: Despicable Me 4
18/11/24	Y5/6 CPR Training from the Fire Brigade
22/11/24	Y5/6 Football: EFL Cup, Harraby
26/11/24	Governors Meeting
27/11/24	Parents Evening
28/11/24	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
3/12/24	Y3/4 Carlisle Cathedral Concert
5/12/24	Y3/4 Carlisle Cathedral Concert
5/12/24	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Pantomime Trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal
6/12/24	Cross Country at Lime House (11.45am)
11/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
12/12/24	Y3,4,5,6 Pantomime Trip to Newcastle
17/12/24	Infant Nativity at Caldew School (1.30pm)
19/12/24	Christmas Party Day (Infants am, Juniors pm)
20/12/24	End of Term (1.15pm)