



NEWSLETTER

14/3/25

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VACANCIES

The advert for the vacant cleaner's position at the school is on the Cumberland Council Website (search Cumberland Education Jobs). All the information needed is also on the school website.

The school also have a vacancy for a parent governor. If this is something that may be of interest and want to find out more, speak to one of our existing governors who are: Gayle Mounsey, Maria Tolley, Lorna Bell, Marilyn Farrugia or speak to Mrs Makepeace in the school office.

PARENTS EVENING

The next Parent /Teacher Consultation Evening will take place after school on Wednesday 26th March. Appointments will be available by seeing the class teacher before or after school from Monday morning (17th) or ringing the school office after 9am.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL

Just a word of warning to parents who may be tempted to park in the area just in front of the village hall. Earlier this week, the landowner blocked cars in here deliberately for an hour as he wasn't happy about this area being used. There are no signs saying do not park. Please use the car park behind school, the square or park safely on the road remembering not to block driveways.

CARLISLE UNITED v BROMLEY – Saturday 22nd March

Forty five children and family members from Cummersdale will be attending the football match a week on Saturday. We have confirmed our final numbers with the club and payments for adults have been set up on SchoolMoney.

NSPCC's SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE PROGRAMME

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children 9-11. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p>Parent/Carer support</p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home</p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub</p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's</p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
<p>Talk PANTS with your children</p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all children and families who made an effort to come into school as a book character. There was a huge array of costumes and an enjoyable and productive day was had by all.

CHESS

The school will be hosting matches against Kirkbampton School on Tuesday afternoon next week which will give our players a bit of experience. The House matches were postponed last week but are due to take place w/b 24th March.

NETBALL

The netball team will be in action again at a tournament at Trinity School on Thursday 27th March.

FOOTBALL

The U11 girls played their first two league matches earlier this week and put in creditable performances against Yewdale (0 – 1) and Upperby (0 – 3). Well done to the three girls in Y4: Hollie, Harley and Olivia who made their debuts.

The U11 boys' team have their next league matches on Monday 24th March. These will take place after school and the school have a minibus on this date.

The U9 (Y3/4) girls have a tournament next Wednesday 19th (am) at Harraby. Mr Travers will be in touch with further details.

EDEN ROCK

Following the event at Eden Rock, the girls' team came 8th out of 15 schools with the boys' team coming 3rd out of 14 teams. As a result, the boys qualify for the super final on April 2nd.

TREE PLANTING

All classes were involved with tree planting on Monday with our pupils planting well over 200 saplings. There continues to be tree planting done as part of the project and it will be lovely to see the fruits of our labour in years to come. Jo Coates (artist) has been in school today working with pupils on cyanotype printing (photography using sunlight), and the children were outside again on the woodland site.

SCHOOL MEAL CHOICE BOOKINGS

We are regularly experiencing issues with children not bringing a packed lunch on the day one has been booked for them and also bringing a packed lunch on days when a school meal has been booked. Can we please remind parents to ensure that your child is aware of what meal choice you have booked for them each day. However, if for any reason you need to amend your booking on the day, this is no problem at all, we just ask that you let the school office know. As you are aware, school meal choices must be pre-booked by the Wednesday of the week before, unless you receive notification of an earlier date. If no meal choices are made, and your child does not bring a packed lunch, Vicky will make your child a sandwich and any relevant charges will be applied to your SchoolMoney account. To check your bookings in SchoolMoney, select *Menu – History – Meal Selections*.

Booking information can also be found on our website

- www.cummersdale.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/forms/

ATTENDANCE

There have been a few bugs and illnesses in school this week, so attendance has been slightly lower. However, Y4 managed 98.69% and they are the best attenders since half term (99.59%) and this year (98.03%). Well done!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Liam Pearson (Y6)** for showing maturity around school as well as being a good leader when preparing World War II food. Last week's winner was **Isaac Pantin (Y5)** for being sensible and reliable throughout the trip to Liverpool.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Zoe Carrick (Y6)** for helping her buddy cut up a sausage at lunchtime as well as being bright and bubbly around school at all times.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to **Olivia Whyte (Y5)** for her determined performance in the girls' football matches.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18/3/25	Rural South Carlisle Chess Competition
19/3/25	Y3/4 Girls Football, Harraby (am)
19/3/25	NSPCC Workshop: Y5/6
20/3/25	A.I.M. High Poetry Day for Y3/4
22/3/25	School Visit to Carlisle United v Bromley
24/3/25	Y5/6 Boys Football League Fixtures, Harraby (3.35pm)
24/3/25	House Chess Matches
26/3/25	Parents Evening
27/3/25	Y5/6 Netball Tournament: Trinity
1/4/25	CSSA Swimming Gala - The Sands (am)
1/4/25	House Netball (pm)
2/4/25	Eden Rock Super Final (Boys)
3/4/25	House Football (pm)
4/4/25	Y1/2 Class Assembly (2.30pm)
4/4/25	End of Term