



NEWSLETTER

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It was lovely to see the pupils return on Tuesday and hear about some of their adventures over the holidays. This is a shorter, but by no means less busy half term. The Year 6 children will be preparing for the end of Key Stage Standard Attainment Tests and we have numerous sporting fixtures, trips and bikeability training all taking place. One or two other dates are being finalised including a whole school trip to Mabie Farm Park and a Y4 overnight visit to Ratlingate. Finally, I would like to welcome Isabella Barber and her family back to Cummersdale as she returns to Y2 this term.

SCHOOL PLACES

Families have just found out which school their children will be going to in Reception next year. Cummersdale will be taking 15 new children in Reception in September, four of whom are siblings. I will write to parents officially at the end of next week giving a few more details and explaining the induction process.

SUNCREAM

The weather has been good so far this term and I would like to remind parents that as the children are outside for most of lunchtime, sunhats, sunglasses and suncream are all advisable. If your child would like to administer suncream themselves, we will supervise this. They should bring a clearly labelled bottle with them and store it in their drawer/locker. Often, a good covering of suncream administered at home at the start of the day will be effective for most of the day. For our youngest children in Reception who spend more time outside, we ensure that the children are protected and a separate letter will come home to those parents early next week.

NETBALL

The House netball competition took place just before Easter with children from Y3 to y6 representing their Houses. The results were as follows:

1st: Skiddaw; 2nd Cat Bells; 3rd Blencathra; 4th Helvellyn.

FOOTBALL

The House Football will take place next Tuesday afternoon. House captains will be picking teams and if selected children will need to bring their PE Kits into school on Tuesday.

EDEN ROCK

At the end of last term, a boys' team took part in a bouldering competition at Eden Rock. Having reached the 'Superfinal', the boys stretched, balanced and clung on to secure 3rd place overall in a very enjoyable day. Well done to Teddy, Charlie, Noah, Lucan, Oliver and Michael.

UNIFORM

If I could remind families about our expectations of uniform. Leggings are not part of the uniform, nor footwear which is not black. We try and keep our uniform simple and straightforward and the pupils look very smart both in and out of school. Please support the school with these expectations.

We have quite a collection of uniform that is either unnamed lost property or uniform which has been given to the school by ex-pupils, as well as a few other items. This will be on display at the back of school on Monday and Tuesday after school and then before school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please feel free to take any items which would be useful, even if it is just for back up.

VE DAY

On Thursday 8th May, the school will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day. We would like the children to come to school dressed in red, white or blue, or possibly a combination of all three. During the day, we will hold a special assembly and carry out appropriate activities as well as having a VE day lunch. This lunch will be a party style buffet which we hopefully be able to eat outside – there should be something for all tastes. It is a change from the published menu but if anyone wants to change from or change to this, they can do. Some of the Y5/6 children will be out at a football match most of the day, but can stay in their kits (blue) or bring something to change into on their return.

ATTENDANCE

It has been a good start to the term with Y2, Y3 and Y5 all having 100% attendance this week. This means that the Y5 claim to be the best attenders is unaffected with an overall attendance rate of 98.13% for the year.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The timetable for After School Clubs for this half term has been issued and these begin on **Tuesday 28th April**. There will only be after school clubs on Tuesday (Drama), Wednesday (Film) and Thursday (Musical Theatre) this half term partly due to the length of the half term but also staff availability and other events taking place in school.

We have found that parents picking up early from After School Care is difficult to manage. Children often begin an activity (eg Art) and then are unable to complete it before they are collected. It often involves a member of staff having to come out of a meeting to answer the door to then collect the child, gather up their belongings and then hand the child over when waiting 5 or 10 minutes would mean that the child can be dismissed in the normal way at

4.15pm. Therefore, please only come to the front of the school if it is absolutely necessary to collect your child early.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

The good news is that the trophies have both mysteriously re-appeared. They were found in a cupboard at school after all!

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Farrah Simpson-Wood (Y4)** for a really good attitude and producing high quality work.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Phoebe Postlethwaite (Rec)** for helping other children who were struggling put on their cycle helmets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28/4/25	AIM High Writing Workshop (Y4/5)
5/5/25	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
6/5/25	CUFC: Y3/4 Football Festival at Brunton Park
7/5/25	CUFC: Girls Football Festival at Brunton Park
8/5/25	CUFC: Y5/6 Football Festival at Brunton Park
8/5/25	VE Day
9/5/25	Cricket Engagement Day (all years)
12/5/25	KS2 SATs Week
19/6/25	Y5/6 Bikeability Week
23/5/25	Finish for Half term
2/6/25	Half Term begins
2/6/25	Mental Health and Wellbeing Day
5/6/25	Y3/4 tennis Competition at Chatsworth Tennis Club
10/6/25	Book Bus to visit school
11/6/25	AIM High Y1/2 Writing Day
12/6/25	Carlisle Schools Athletics at The Sheepmount
13/6/25	Y3/4 Trip to Annan Cinema
23/6/25	Y5 Taster Day at Caldew School
24/6/25	Governors' Meeting (7pm)
30/6/25	Y6 to visit Secondary Schools
30/6/25	Move up day in school
1/7/25	Girls' sport event at Caldew (Y4,5,6)
9/7/25	Carlisle Schools Rounders
18/7/25	End of term (1.15pm)

Other events will be added as they are confirmed