



NEWSLETTER

5/9/25

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to welcome all the new starters and their parents to Cummersdale School. There are 12 new children in Reception and they all seem to be settling in really well. It was great to see all the returning children again this week, hearing about their adventures from the holidays and seeing them entering school enthusiastically each day – long may it continue!

Mrs Sally Whitfield will be returning to the school this term and will be teaching each class whilst teachers have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time.

Unfortunately, Vicky English, our school cook will be leaving the school at the end of September. Vicky has been at the school since 2020 and has been a popular member of the school team with both children and staff. Vicky leaves us to take up a managerial role at the Co-op and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

We will be advertising for the position of a school cook shortly, but if you know of anyone who may be interested, I can give further details.

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 15th September**. The activities are just being finalised and a separate letter and booking via Schoolmoney will be available early next week.

We have been discussing our after school provision recently. Whilst numbers for after school care seem to have increased, numbers for after school activities seem to have decreased. I have created a Google Form which asks a few questions and parents views would be very much appreciated. Whilst responses may not influence what we do this half term, it will be very useful for the future. (Deadline Friday 12th)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf11ybbjMWW87IOL-jQtqf6tZLGpijwRjIFvMh8MUMGVNLwMg/viewform?usp=header>

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.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION (NASAL SPRAY)

The School-Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting on 16 October 2025. Please follow the instructions via the information in the email sent on 3 September, or by scanning the QR code below. The online form should be completed as soon as possible for both 'consent and do not consent' options.



School Code: CM112107

The link will close 1 week prior to the session.

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.

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.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

House Captains have been chosen for 2025-26 and presented with their badges in assembly today. The House Captains and their vice Captains have an important role in not only organising events throughout the year, but acting as role models for the rest of the school. I am sure they will all do a sterling job.

Blencathra: Captain – Isaac Pantin; Vice Captain – Jo Jo Pearson

Cat Bells: Captain – Noah Jesse; Vice Captain – Wills Evans

Helvellyn: Captain – Callum Whittle; Vice Captain – Thea Clarke

Skiddaw: Captain – Michael Sharp; Vice Captain – Charlie Kerr

BUDDIES

The children in reception have all been allocated a buddy to look after them and assist them at playtimes and lunchtimes in their early days at school. Year 6 have taken this role very seriously so far and are doing a great job. They have been presented with their badges in assembly today.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Pupil of the Week: Well done to **Joe Scott (Y2)** who has had a really good start to the term listening well with an impressive attitude to work.

Kindness Cup: Bonnie Hall (Y1) receives this week's Kindness Cup award for helping a Reception child come in to class and carrying his equipment to help Miss Fleming.

APPLES/PLUMS/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

23/9/25	Small Schools Football Competition, Harraby 9.30am (Y5/6)
30/9/25	Governors' meeting (7pm)
30/9/24	Individual School Photos
1/10/25	House Cross Country
8/10/25	Young Leader Training, Rosley (Y5)
10/10/25	Carlisle Schools Cross-Country, Sheepmount (Y3 – 6)
14/10/25	Girls' Football: 7-a-side (Y5/6), Harraby. 9.30am

16/10/25	Aim High Writing Day: Y5/6
16/10/25	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
20/10/25	Hockey Tournament at Austin Friars
24/10/25	Finish for Half Term
3/11/25	New Half Term begins
6/11/25	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
10/11/25	Y5/6 Swimming (1 week daily)
27/11/25	Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
4/12/25	Pantomime Visit, Aladdin – Newcastle Theatre Royal (Infants)
11/12/25	Pantomime Visit, Aladdin – Newcastle Theatre Royal (Juniors)
19/12/25	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term