



## **NEWSLETTER**

**3/10/25**

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### **PTA AND HALLOWE'EN DISCO**

Following a successful initial meeting, it was decided that a new PTA should be formed. This will be led by Sarah Maclagan (Mum of Millie and Lucy) and she is supported by a small committee. Plans are well underway for the first event which is a Hallowe'en Disco. It will take place in school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October with tickets being £5 (payable in cash). For this event, parents do not need to stay. See posters around school and on facebook for further information.

### **SCHOOL KITCHEN**

Our cook, Vicky had her final day on Tuesday. Prior to this, the school advertised for a new cook receiving suitable applicants and interviewed. Unfortunately, we were unable to appoint. The school have re-advertised with a closing date of 16<sup>th</sup> October. In the interim, we are managing to cover the position internally, but please bear with us during this transitional time

An advert is also on the Cumberland Jobs in Schools website and the school website for a midday supervisor, with the closing date again being 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The school council met for the first time this week. The council members have been elected and each meeting they get chance to raise issues from their year group. They also are able to offer their views on various events in school and certainly influence some of the decision making that goes on.

When asked what they thought a good school council should do, suggestions included: 'Listen to ideas and pass them on', 'Act as representatives' and 'Help to decide things'. The council agreed that they were there to help make the school better, to have new ideas and to make school more fun.

This year's councillors are: Sofia Milburn, Wills Evans, Harley Mounsey, Alfie Wannop, Carter Pattinson, Matilda Wilson, Jude McChrystal-Plimmer, Olivia Algeo, Peter Milburn, Rae Roberts, Storm McKenzie and Nola Shane. They have been presented with their badges in assembly today.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Hopefully by now your child should have brought home a photo form with a QR code on enabling you to order photos.

## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday saw the whole school take part in the House Cross Country races. Although it was pouring down first thing, it brightened up and the conditions to run in were great. I also think we had record crowds for the event. Thanks to all those who were able to make it.

Race	Positions	Winning House
Infant Girls	1 Hallie Kirk (H) 2 Bonnie Hall (C) 3 Mollie Ormerod (H)	Cat Bells/Skiddaw (=)
Infant Boys	1 Emerson Watson (C) 2 Ben Wake(C) 3 Spencer Atkinson (B)	Cat Bells
Junior Girls	1 Matilda Wilson (C) 2 Thea Clarke (H) 3 Macie Brown (B)	Skiddaw
Junior Boys	1 = Noah Jesse (C) =Theo Allison (H) 3 Jake Bell (B)	Helvellyn
<b>Overall Winners: Skiddaw</b>		

Several runners have been selected to take part in the Carlisle Schools' Cross-Country Event at The Sheepmount next Friday and will have received a separate letter.

## FOOTBALL

The school recently took part in two competitions; The first involved two 5-a-side teams which were named Cummersdale United and Cummersdale City. In a strange twist, United and City played each other in the third placed play off, with United winning thanks in part to Thea Clarke and Noah jesse who both scored 8 goals each. The second tournament was for medium Sized Schools (100 – 200 pupils) and was 7-a-side. Mr Travers was delighted with the way the children played and they were deservedly placed in the top four teams and now progress to the Cumbrian Finals.

## FEET FIRST

Our school will be taking part in the county wide Feet First 5-day Active Travel Challenge starting on Monday 13 October and finishing on Friday 17 October 2025. The challenge is for pupils and their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period, supporting active journeys on the school run.

There are prizes for everybody who completes the challenge, as well as the chance to win a whole school prize, so we would love everyone to take part. The challenge is also open to school staff, and we will be making every effort to take part too. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting, and park & stride are all active ways of travelling, and we hope by taking part in the challenge it will:

- Improve health and wellbeing of our pupils and families
- Encourage pupils and families to be more active
- Reduce congestion and parking problems around our school
- Reduce our school community's collective carbon footprint
- Promote active travel for the school run and encourage families to continue to do this after the challenge ends
- Be good fun!

Each child will receive their own card to record their active journeys. Those pupils with at least one sticker on the card at the end of the challenge will be awarded an individual prize.

We understand that it's not always possible for families to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but if you live a long way from school, you can still take part by parking further away and walking the last part of your journey, (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family.

## **HARVEST**

I can now confirm that we will hold a Harvest Service at The Saving Grace Church in Cummersdale. It will involve Reception, Y1 and Y2 children and will start at 2.15pm finishing just before bedtime. There will be a mixture of Harvest songs and readings. Parents, families and friends will be welcome.

During the course of next two weeks, we would be grateful if any donations of food can be brought into school for a Harvest table. These should be tins or packets of food and will be given to the local food bank for those in need locally.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance has been good again this week with Y3 and Y1 both achieving 100%. Y5 remain the best attenders this year with 98.9%, but Y6 and Y1 are right behind. Well done to Y1, Y2 and Y3 who all had 100% attendance this week.

## **I-PADS**

We have recently reviewed and audited our stock of IT Equipment in school and whilst a new Interactive Board and laptops are being purchased, we have a small surplus of I-Pads. These have been used by our pupils in school. They are all in working order, have been wiped and restored back to factory settings. We would like to offer these to any families who would like one for a donation to school of £50. They are generally I-Pad 8<sup>th</sup> generation models, with one or two 9<sup>th</sup> gen. Please contact the school if you would like one or want to know more.

## **Y5/6 VISIT TO THE LIFE CENTRE**

This is just a reminder that Y5/6 travel to Newcastle on Thursday for a trip to the Life Centre and a visit to a Hindu Temple.

## **FANTASY FOOTBALL**

Ryan Roberts 'Magicians' maintained their position at the top thanks to using his triple captain. Kyle Atkinson's 'Baldies Boys' did the same and move into 2<sup>nd</sup> with Craig Whyte's 'Half the World (a)' in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr Travers is now the best placed staff member with his 'Amad for it' in 9<sup>th</sup> but this is behind the best placed pupil, Theo Allison in 6<sup>th</sup> with 'the boys'. Good luck for this week.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

**Pupil of the Week:** Well done to **Lucy Rome (Y2)** who has worked really hard on her Maths with Mrs Haughan.

**Kindness Cup:** This week this is awarded to **Joshua Menery (Y5)** who has been a great help at lunchtime always showing care and being friendly to younger pupils.

**Enjoy-a-Ball Trophy:** This is awarded to **Radley Errington (Y4)**. Not only did he come 4<sup>th</sup> in his race, but he went back to encourage all the other runners and help them cross the line. Last week's winners were **Isaac Pantin (Y6)** and **Thea Clarke (Y6)** for their efforts in recent football tournaments.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8/10/25	Young Leader Training, Rosley (Y5)
9/10/25	Y6 Visit to The Life Centre and Hindu Temple, Newcastle
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)
17/10/25	Harvest Festival (Rec, Y1, Y2), Saving Grace Church, 2.15pm.
20/10/25	Hockey Tournament at Austin Friars (am)
23/10/25	Hallowe'en Disco (5.30 – 7.00pm)
24/10/25	Finish for Half Term

3/11/25	New Half Term begins
6/11/25	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
7/11/25	Schools' Remembrance Service
10/11/25	Y5/6 Electricity Workshop
10/11/25	Y3/4 Swimming (1 week daily) * note change of year group
12/11/25	Magistrates' Mock Trial
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*