



NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter contains lots of information about events that are taking place in school during the next three weeks in the lead up to Christmas. Do note the information about the Infant Nativity and that tickets are now on sale.

BEHAVIOUR

I have had to speak to all the children in the school about standards of behaviour today. I am normally delighted with the behaviour of the children and this is partly down to the high expectations of good behaviour that we have at the school. Recently though, this has perhaps not been the case. I have reminded the children about the importance of listening to teachers, following instructions and not disrupting the learning of others in class. Whilst behaviour such as this is considered low level disruption, it is impacting on learning and taking time up with children having to be regularly reminded.

At playtimes, football will return from Monday and the children know now what is expected from them as there are some children who have been taking playtime football far too seriously which has resulted in a number of incidents that staff have had to deal with.

I reminded the children of the sanctions we have in school and although they are not severe, they hopefully will have taken note.

We hope that all can have a successful lead up to Christmas with the whole school enjoying the many events that are on offer. We also hope that the standard of behaviour can return to the level it has been up until recently.

ADVERTS

There are two adverts for staff on the Cumberland Jobs in Schools page and the school website. The first is for a PPA Teacher and SENCo (0.6 or 3 days a week) and the second is for a midday supervisor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in either post, do get them to have a look.

PANTOMIME VISITS **R, Y1 & Y2: Thursday 4th December** **Y3 – 6: Thursday 11th December**

The children will travel to Newcastle Theatre Royal to see a production of ‘Aladdin’ with Infants going on Thursday 4th December and the Juniors going on Thursday 11th December. We will leave school at 12.00pm after an early lunch on both days, arriving in Newcastle for a

2.00pm performance. We will leave Newcastle straight away after the show and it is expected we will be back in Cummersdale by **6.30pm**. *We will contact you if it is significantly different to this time. There is no need to contact teachers to ask what time we will be back.*

It is always a fantastic day which lasts long in the memory. To make the trip as successful as possible, please help with the following:

- Normal school uniform should be worn, but any festive additions are more than welcome.
- School will provide drinks, snacks and some sweets which can be consumed on the coach for the children as we appreciate that it is a long time to go without sustenance. The theatre have issued some quite strict guidance for school groups about bringing food into the theatre.
- Children may bring magazines, games or similar to occupy themselves on the journey. **Sadly, we must say that phones, I-Pads or similar must not be taken** as in the past, these have been used inappropriately or even broken. We find that the children are usually quite happy just chatting.
- You are more than welcome to bring anything that flashes or glows in the dark if you have something like this.
- Children do not need to bring any money with them.
- When picking up in Cummersdale after the pantomime, please do not park anywhere near the zig zag lines as the coach needs plenty of room to park so the children can all alight safely.
- *Do bring lots of energy in order to cheer, laugh heartily, boo and hiss!*

Any children not attending the pantomime will come into school as normal and will join other classes for the afternoon.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Fri 12th December, 2.15pm

The Junior children (Y3 – 6) will lead a Christingle Service which will take place across the road at The Saving Grace Chapel in Cummersdale. The children will hear about the meaning behind this symbol and the whole school will light their Christingles and bring them home afterwards. There will also be a variety of readings and carols and Kate Davidson from St James' Church will be joining us. Parents, friends and family are more than welcome to attend and there is no charge for this.

INFANT CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – Tuesday 16th December

On Tuesday 16th December, the Infants are involved in a production of 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' which will take place at Caldew School's Performing Arts Theatre. During the morning, the children will be transported to Caldew for a rehearsal. All children will return to school for lunch.

Tickets are now available on the School Shop section of School Money. Here are a few reminders which will help things run smoothly:

- The show will begin at **1.30pm**
- Entrance to Caldew is through the door to the theatre at the front of the school to the left of the main Reception. Do not arrive before 1.15pm – don't worry, all seats have

- a good view.
- Parking is tricky as there is no parking in the car park at the side of the school. There is limited parking in the layby at the front of school. Street parking or parking in Dalston Square or in the car park opposite the Co-op might be best. Do **not** park in the bus bays at the side of school. (*one year the performance was delayed as some parents had to move cars*). All cars on the front layby need to be moved by about 2.30pm though.
 - We are assuming that the vast majority of children will be picked up from Caldew. However, if this is not possible parents must let school know so that they can be transported back by minibus with the teachers after the performance.
 - Uniform and packed lunch boxes will be left at school on Tuesday and not taken to Caldew. If it is essential to pick up uniform/packed lunch, please return to school after 3.15pm.
 - Costumes should be returned to school the following day but should not be washed.
 - Wednesday (the next day) is a non-uniform day which may make things easier. The children will bring their uniform from the previous day home at the end of Wednesday.
 - The theatre holds over 100 people which is usually enough, but please be prepared to squeeze up.
 - The tickets are available to buy on the School Shop section of School Money and are priced at £2.50 each.
 - Two seats per child have been allocated initially and it would be appreciated if tickets be ordered by **Wednesday 10th December**. Whilst there may well be spare seats at the time of ordering, please stick to this guidance. Any spare tickets will go on open sale after this on Thursday 11th. Do ring the school if you have any queries about this.
 - It is expected that the production will end by **2.30pm**.

The children in Y3 – 6 will travel to Caldew during the morning to see a dress rehearsal.

PTA CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT – Monday 15th December

We are approaching 50 children for the Film night which is fantastic. See separate flyer on classlist/facebook for further details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday 17th December

As well as Christmas dinner for all, we will be taking part in using the day to raise money for a local charity (The School,Council will decide). Children will be encouraged to come in a Christmas jumper, or anything festive and make a donation to this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – Thursday 18th December

The younger children will have a Christmas Party during the morning with the older children having theirs during the afternoon. In between, there will be a party buffet for all to enjoy. It will be **non-uniform** that day for all and children may wear either party clothes or just something Christmassy. No donations necessary.

END OF TERM – Friday 19th December

Normal Uniform should be worn on this day. Term ends at **1.15pm**. Just before we finish we hold a quick assembly to wish everyone a Happy Christmas. Whilst there is limited room in the hall, do come in and even join in with ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Well done to the 12 athletes from y3 and 4 who represented the school well at athletics earlier this week. The school came 3rd overall which was a great achievement against many schools much bigger than ourselves.

ATTENDANCE

Y2 are still the best attenders this year with 98.81%. They have 100% attendance since half term and along with Y6 have 100% this week. Well done!

HOUSE POINTS

Cat Bells continue to lead the way with House Points but Blencathra are closing in on them.

Cat Bells 1210, Skiddaw 1173 Blencathra 1201, Helvellyn 1091

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week’s Pupil of the Week is **Spencer Atkinson (Y2)** for quietly getting on with his work but recently with more urgency and accuracy. Well done!

The Kindness Cup Award goes to **Ben Wake (Y1)** for his manners, politeness and healthy appetite at lunchtime.

The Enjoy-a-Ball Trophy goes to **Carter Pattinson (Y4)** for launching the javelin further than anyone else at an Indoor Athletics Event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4/12/25	Pantomime Visit, Aladdin – Newcastle Theatre Royal (Infants)
10/12/25	Book Bus to visit school
11/12/25	Pantomime Visit, Aladdin – Newcastle Theatre Royal (Juniors)
12/12/25	Christingle Service (Y3 – 6), Saving Grace Chapel (2.00pm)
15/12/25	PTA Film Night
16/12/25	Infant Nativity, Caldew School (1.30pm)
17/12/25	Christmas Dinner Day
18/12/25	Christmas Party Day (Infants am; Juniors pm)
19/12/25	End of Term (1.15pm)

More dates will be added throughout the term