



## **NEWSLETTER**

**23/1/26**

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### **COMPASS**

Thank you for your patience with payments on Compass. The majority of people seem to be managing well. Mrs Makepeace is happy to deal with any difficulties at the present time.

Dates have been added to the calendar and should appear in red. Confirmed events up until the end of July have been included and this will be continually updated with more details and information as it comes.

We will continue to use Classlists as a communication tool between teachers and parents. Do however, think before sending a message to a teacher whether it is absolutely necessary and could the information be found elsewhere. Also bear in mind if you send a message outside of school hours, you might not get a response until the following day.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Y5/6 will be putting on a class assembly on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. Parents, friends and family members are all welcome. Reception will be sharing what they have done on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February and Y1/2 on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, with both of these starting at 9am also.

### **CHESS**

The annual chess competition is in full swing with three rounds out of seven already having been completed. 32 children have entered. Performing well so far are Jo Jo Pearson, Blake Ulliyart, Michael Sharp and Liam Peacock all with three wins, but lurking just behind them are Phoebe Sutherland, Joshua Menery and Charlie Kerr. Round 4 will take place next week.

### **CAR PARKING**

I have had a couple of complaints from villagers and parents about inconsiderate parking. Please don't block driveways, park on the zig-zag lines or out with the bays in the square. There have also been a couple of cars scraped in the car park which is unfortunate. Do try and have a common sense approach to parking.

### **STUDENT PLACEMENT**

Michelle Bellamy from the University of Cumbria will be starting a teaching placement in Y3/4 next week and will be in school until 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## HOUSE HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Year	Positions	House
Rec	1 Lucas Smith 2 Brooks Telford 3 Adeline O'Grady	H S B
1	1 Kuba Kolazynski 2 Phoebe Postlethwaite 3 Emily Smith	B S H
3	1 Mollie Ormerod 2 Sophie Menery 3 Mayer Blaylock	C B S
2	1 Aurora Gow 2 Jonah Wake 3 Jude McChrystal-Plimmer	B C B
3	1 Bradley Leathers 3 Matilda Wilson 3 Nate Read	S C C
5	1 Georgia Dickinson 2 Hollie Park 3 Harley Mounsey	S H S
6	1 Thea Clarke 2 Wills Evans 3 Michael Sharp	H C S
Staff	1 Mrs Haughan 2 Mrs Sharp 3 Mrs Whitfield	H S S

The competition was judged by our midday supervisor Tierni who found it very difficult to decide and commented on how good the quality of handwriting was throughout the school.

Ten staff members also entered and earned bonus points for their houses!

The final points scored were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Skiddaw	72 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Helvellyn	51
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blencathra	50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Cat Bells	45

## Y5/6 SWIMMING

Just a bit of notice to inform you that Y5/6 will be going swimming at the Sands Centre each day during the week of 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **MAINTENANCE POSITION**

The school does not have a caretaker like many larger schools, but like all school buildings, things go wrong or break. Some jobs can be done by staff, others by tradesmen. Common jobs that need doing are replacing bulbs, fixing locks, bleeding radiators, fixing taps, replacing toilet seats, pressure washing, touching up painting, going to the tip, cleaning interior windows etc.

For several years we employed a maintenance person who worked about 3 hours each week (or 150 hours per year) who was able to do these jobs and more, usually outside school hours. This position has now become available. If you know of someone with practical skills who might be interested in such a role, do get in touch with the school. The hours are very flexible and may suit someone retired or semi-retired. Further information will be on the school website early next week.

## **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> February**

The staff and I are planning various activities for Children's Mental Health Week when strategies to cope with difficult situations will be explored along with other mindfulness activities. One event which is good for everyone's mental health is The Annual Talent Show which will take place on the final afternoon of half term (Friday 13<sup>th</sup>). Whilst there is already plenty of discussion about it amongst pupils, a list will go up for acts to sign up by the end of next week.

## **DENTAL VISIT and AUDIOLOGIST VISIT**

The school nursing team will be visiting 5 year olds (whose parents have responded) for a dental check on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The audiologist will be checking hearing for Reception aged children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Harley Mounsey (Y5)** who has been doing some beautiful writing recently. Last week's winner was **Evie Dawson (Y1)** for impressing her teachers in all areas of school.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Alfie Wannop (Y5)** for being a good friend. Last week's winner was **Lucas Smith (Rec)** for helping another child who was upset.

The **Enjoy-a-ball Trophy** goes to **Avah Mae Shields (Rec)** for an **impressive dinosaur dance**. Last week's winner was **Millie Rome (Y5)** for choreographing a dance routine well in PE.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

28/1/26	Dental Visit for 5 year olds
30/1/26	Y5/6 Class Assembly
2/2/26	Y5/6 Hockey at Austin Friars
9/2/26	Indoor Cricket (Y5/6) – Harraby <i>tbc</i>
9/2/26	Y5/6 Swimming (daily for 1 week)
11/2/26	House Curling Competition
13/2/26	Reception Class Assembly
13/2/26	Talent Show
13/2/26	Finish for Half Term
23/2/26	New Half Term begins
24/2/26	CSSA Swimming Gala - The Sands
26/2/26	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
27/2/26	Key Step Gymnastics Competition
3/2/26	Small Schools 5-a-side (Y3/4) - Harraby
6/3/26	House Reading Competition and World Book Day
12/3/26	Netball Tournament (Y5/6) - Central
17/3/26	Football: Y3/4 Girls 7-a-side (Harraby)
17/3/26	A I M High Writing Day – Y3/4
21/3/26	School Visit to Carlisle United v Boston United
23/3/26	Feet First Challenge
23/3/26	Austin Friars Hockey <i>tbc</i>
27/3/26	End of Term

*More dates will be added as the term goes on and once confirmed*