



NEWSLETTER

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STAFFING NEXT YEAR

Next year there will be a slight change in our staffing at school. Miss Fleming will be taking Reception class. Having worked throughout the school and gained a wealth of experience in all age groups, she is looking forward to having her own class. Mrs Scott will not be class based, instead concentrating on her role as SENCo and helping to drive school improvement throughout the school. I must thank Mrs Scott for her three years in Reception, taking over the class at a difficult time, developing the provision both in and out of the classroom and seeing the Early Years through a successful Ofsted Inspection.

All other teachers and teaching assistants are remaining where they are with the exception of Miss Maclagan who will be moving to Y3/4 in addition to Mrs Sharp.

KS2 SATS

Date	Paper	
Monday 13 th (am)	SPaG Short Answers SPaG Spelling	45 minutes 15 minutes
Tuesday 14 th (am)	English Reading	60 minutes
Wednesday 15 th (am)	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning	30 minutes 40 minutes
Thursday 16 th (am)	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning	40 minutes

The above timetable shows when SATs are taking place for Y6 children next week. In order to ensure that children arrive in plenty of time and are settled and ready, the school will be offering breakfast to Y6 children. Children may arrive at school any time after 8.15am and should access school via the fire escape. It is expected that all tastes will be catered for. The actual papers will not begin until just after 9am.

KS1 SATs will not be taking place in May this year as in previous years. There is no statutory assessment for schools at this age (Y2) anymore. However, the children will sit the papers at a later stage in the year as they will be useful for tracking pupil's progress internally.

Children in Y4 will complete a Maths Tables Test in June and children in Y1 will take a Phonics test also in June.

SUN CREAM

With some hot weather forecast we are keen to minimise the risk of sunburn as much as possible as we know how uncomfortable this can be.

Many of you have provided your children with sunhats which is great and there have been some very cool sunglasses being worn. Suncream can also be provided by you for your children with bottles named which the teachers help administer on days when the sun is particularly strong. Alternatively, a good covering first thing in the morning at home, would suffice for most children.

The children in Reception will have received a separate letter as they spend a considerable time learning outdoors.

CULTURAL AND DIVERSITY WEEK

During the final week of half term (w/b 20th May) we will be celebrating Cultural and Diversity week. During this week we will be highlighting the richness of the world's cultures, particularly those that make up our school community. We are lucky to have families from a wide range of localities including: Pakistan, Oman, Malta, South Africa, Italy, Scotland and Poland. This week will provide us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and learn more about the people and world around us.

Children will spend the week learning about the different cultures that make up our community through various activities organised by their class teachers, this will include looking at beliefs, dress, food, music and dance. Children are asked to talk to family members over the next week in preparation. Children can research a culture of interest or collect resources that can be used to present to others about their culture. This will then be shared with their class and then used for a whole school display which parents will be invited to come along and see at the end of the day on Friday.

On Thursday we will spend a day focussing on Hinduism. Sakhya will be coming into school to provide a fun day of events. They will have the opportunity to look at traditional dress, the younger children dressing up as Hindu Gods and Goddesses, while the older children will be involved in Bharet Nathyam dress up and dance. The younger children will have a Ganesh dance session. They will experience the use of conch shells, bells, drums and other instruments and artefacts, before ending the day with face painting. If there are any children who are not allowed to have their face painted, please can you inform their class teacher.

We look forward to learning more about the makeup of our community and broadening our understanding of the cultures that make up the world we live in. If there are any questions or you would be interested in coming into school to talk about your culture, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher.

Y6 TRANSITION

Information has begun to be shared between our school and secondary schools. Miss Atkinson, head of Year 7 at Caldew will visit those children heading to Caldew on Wednesday 22nd May. There is a welcome evening for parents and pupils at Caldew on 11th June and all pupils in Y6 will visit their new schools on Monday 1st July.

FEET FIRST CHALLENGE

The third and final 'Feet First Challenge' will run during the w/b 20th May. Hopefully the weather will stay fine for this initiative to get families walking, scooting or cycling rather than driving.

MABIE FARM PARK

On Tuesday 21st May, the whole school will be going to Mabie Farm Park in Dumfries. This is a replacement trip for the one to Chester Zoo in January which was cancelled due to bad weather. It has proved to be very successful in the past when we have taken the whole school. During the day, there will be opportunities for feeding lambs, looking at the animals as well as having lots of fun.

We will travel by coach, leaving school at 9.00am, returning by approximately 3.30 -3.45pm. The children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will all be provided with a school packed lunch. We ask that those in Y3 – 6 bring their own. We will have a supply of spare water for anyone who gets extra-thirsty.

Uniform will not be needed on the day, but appropriate clothing should be worn bearing in mind the weather. Please do bring a waterproof jacket and some spare clothes as children often can get very grubby and sometimes wet on things like grass sledges. The school will be allocated a party room at the farm where lunches and bags can be kept secure.

With all the teachers and teaching assistants going on the trip and with just enough seats on the buses, we feel that we have got enough supervision so there is no room for additional parents on this occasion. I am sure that it will be a day that everyone will enjoy. To see what the day might involve, have a look at www.mabiefarm.co.uk

GIRLS FOOTBALL

The girls' football team are in action on Tuesday 14th May with a 'double header' against Belle Vue and Stanwix. The matches will take place at Belle Vue School with the first match at 3.30pm, with the second immediately after. A minibus is not available that day, so any parent who can assist with transporting the girls there should let school/Mr Travers know.

The boys were in action earlier this week in a friendly against Longtown Primary. In a game where both goalkeepers excelled, Cummersdale came out as 4 – 2 winners. Well done!

4 MINUTE MILE DAY

On a lovely Spring day, all children took part in recreating Roger Bannister's heroics on 70th anniversary of the 4 minute mile. Some of the younger children ran over 10 times around the fields with older children running at least twice around Cummersdale Holmes. The mathematicians worked out that 151 miles was run in total. Well done!

Y3/4 TENNIS

A small number of children from Y3/4 will be taking part in a tennis competition at Chatsworth Tennis Club on Monday 20th May. Further details to follow.

Y3/4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Mr Travers and Y3/4 will put on a class assembly on the last day of half term, Friday 24th May. It will take place at 9am and parents, friends and family are all welcome.

NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIERS

The school has changed its uniform suppliers to 'Stitch and Print' of Wigton. With many of the products the same, but cheaper, it made sense for us to change to a more local supplier. Ordering of uniform can now be done using their website in a similar way to previously.

See www.stitchandprint.co.uk

Y3/4 VISIT to RATLINGATE

A letter and payment details have been posted on SchoolMoney about the overnight residential for Y4 children at Ratlingate on Thursday 13th June.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK AND KINDNESS CUP

Our Pupil of the Week is **Molly Ormerod (Rec)** who has been trying really hard recently, especially in Read, Write, Inc. Last week's winner was **Spencer Atkinson (Rec)** for confidently talking about his knowledge of snakes.

The Kindness Cup goes to **Elliot Ramsay (Y3)** for taking time to do another child's shoelace in the corridor.

The Enjoy-a-ball trophies go to **Peter Milburn (Rec)** who showed determination in completing 5 laps of the field earlier in the week. Last week's winners were **Riley Kirk (Y6)** and **Liam Pearson (Y5)** for their contributions to the football match against Longtown.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

It's a double game week and for many, the last chance to use a bench boost, free hit or wild card. There have been some impressive scores recently (for those who remembered to change their team – unlike me!) with Liam's Yellow Tigers amassing 110 points.

ATTENDANCE

Children at the younger end of school have had really good attendance this term. Reception, Y1 and Y2 all managed 100% this week and Reception have 99.18% for the term so far. If they keep this up, they may surpass Y3 who are the leaders for the year with 96.48%.

FINALLY

This may be of interest to anyone locally.

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TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 11th May 2024

St James' Parish Centre | St James' Road | Carlisle | CA2 5PD

1pm- 2.30pm
£1 entry | Kids free

£6 per table (Bring a friend - 2 tables £10)
Tables and chairs included
Set-up from 12.30pm | Selling from 1pm

Book a table call: Claire- 07940652711

Follow us: Table Top Sales Carlisle for future events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 13/5	KS2 SATs week
Mon 20/5	Cultural and Diversity Week (Whole School)
Mon 20/5	Feet First Challenge
Mon 20/5	Y3/4 Tennis Competition, Chatsworth Tennis Club
Tue 21/5	Whole School Trip to Mabie Farm Park
Fri 24/5	Finish for Half Term
Mon 3/6	Half Term begins
Fri 7/6	Y5/6 Go Activ Football Competition
Tue 11/6	Y6 Welcome Evening, Caldew School
Thu 13-Fri 14	Y4 Residential, Ratlingate
Thu 20/6	Y5/6 Rounders: Sheepmount
Mon 24/6	Y5 taster Day, Caldew School
Tue 25/6	Governors' Meeting (6pm)
Wed 26-Fri 28	Y5/6 Residential, Robin Wood
Fri 28/6	Reception Class Assembly
Mon 1/7	Y6 Transition Day: Caldew and NTS
Wed 3/7	Maths Day at Caldew (Y4)
Thu 4/7	Athletics Event, Sheepmount
Fri 5/7	Y3/4 Go Activ Football Competition
Fri 5/7	Y1/2 Class Assembly
Mon 8/7	Y5/6 Concert: St Cuthbert's Church (evening)
Tue 9/7	Y5/6 Concert: St Cuthbert's Church (evening)
Thu 11/7	Y3/4 Visit to Stocks Wood
Mon 15/7	Olympic Theme Week (Whole School)
Mon 15/7	Sports Day
Tue 16/7	House Rounders: Juniors (am)
Tue 16/7	Action Ants Sports: Infants (pm)
Wed 17/7	Leavers' Lunch
Thu 18/7	Olympic Activity Day
Fri 19/7	Leavers' Assembly
Fri 19/7	End of term (1.15pm)