



## NEWSLETTER

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*This is the final newsletter of what has been a long half term. As well as seeing reception children settle in at school, other highlights have included trips to Watchtree, the first football and cross country events, a mental health awareness day, an author visit and lots of learning about rockets, volcanoes and Mayans. Next half term will be equally busy as we lead up to Christmas.*

### CATCHMENT AREA CONSULTATION

Cumberland Council are proposing to adjust the catchment area boundary for the Amberwood Housing Development on Dalston Road. There is a consultation period which was opened on 7th October 2024 and will last for 6 weeks closing on 17th November 2024. All details are available by clicking on the link below. It is worth looking at particularly if you live in Amberwood as it may affect future admissions for Cummersdale School and for admission to Caldew/Morton Schools.

Comments can be made via a survey also on the link below.

<https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/education/proposed-arrangements-for-community-and-voluntary>

### NUTS

May I remind parents who provide packed lunches for their children to be mindful of products which contain nuts. We do have nut allergies in school and have children who are particularly vulnerable to tree nuts (walnuts, almonds and hazelnuts). If the packaging says that the product may contain any of these types of nut, do not use them as part of the packed lunch. Many 'Kinder' products contain nuts and these should be avoided too.

### MUSIC

Many thanks to those who completed the recent music survey. The initial analysis reveals that music is enjoyed and really valued in school, but very few parents know what we do. It has also given us an idea of the demand for instrumental lessons in school which we are keen to develop.

## **NASAL FLU**

The nursing team will be administering the Nasal Flu vaccine on Wednesday 23rd October.

## **CARLISLE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Twenty-six runners braved the elements and ran a long course around the Sheepmount. Each school attending had selected their best runners and there were over 100 runners in each race. Evelyn Stewart (30<sup>th</sup>), Theo Allison (36<sup>th</sup>) and Noah Jesse (32<sup>nd</sup>) were some of our best performers.

## **FOOTBALL**

The Y5/6 Boys team took part in the medium Schools Competition. Wearing our new kits, they won two, drew one and lost two of their matches.

The Y5/6 girls football competition was sadly postponed and re-arranging this date is proving difficult at the moment.

The school have entered the Carlisle Schools Leagues which last year, gave the girls plenty of matches. This year, the boys should get the same number of matches as the girls and these will take place during the winter months with some matches played here at Cummersdale.

## **SWIMMING**

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be going swimming the first week back after half term. Swimming sessions will take place each morning for a week at The Sands Centre and will be led by the Sands Centre staff. Children in Y1/2 and Y3/4 will swim later in the year.

## **HOUSE POINTS**

Cat Bells are building up a lead with their score being over 50 points ahead of their nearest rival, Blencathra.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance has again been very good indeed. Three year groups had 100% attendance last week: Y1, Y2 and Y4. Year 1 have an impressive attendance rate of 99.57% since the start of term. Keep it up!

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Hallie Kirk (Rec)** for trying her hardest at everything. Last week the award went to **Jude McChrystal Plimmer (Y2)** for very sensible behaviour and ignoring distractions around him.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Rania Shah (Y6)** for being patient and kind with younger children at before and after school clubs. Last week's award went to **Hollie Park (Y4)** for her cheery and friendly nature around school.

The **Enjoy-a-ball trophy** goes to **Lucan May (Y6)** for impressing Mr Jones with his hockey skills. Last week's winner was **Evelyn Stewart (Y3)** for her cross country performance and **Ted Bolger (Y2)** for listening and trying hard in Y2 PE.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

23/10/24	Nasal Flu Vaccine (all)
25/10/24	Fire Brigade Bonfire Night Safety Talk
25/10/24	Finish for Half Term
4/11/24	New Half Term begins
4/11/24	Y5/6 Swimming at The Sands (daily for 1 week)
5/11/24	Y3/4 at Carlisle Cathedral
6/11/24	AIM High Maths Day: Y5/6
11/11/24	Schools' Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12/11/24	Maths Challenge Day for some Y5/6: Caldew
15/11/24	Rec/Y1/Y2 Visit to the Cinema: Despicable Me 4
18/11/24	Y5/6 CPR Training from the Fire Brigade
22/11/24	Y5/6 Football: EFL Cup, Harraby
26/11/24	Governors Meeting
27/11/24	Parents Evening
28/11/24	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics, Harraby
3/12/24	Y3/4 Carlisle Cathedral Concert
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5/12/24	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Pantomime Trip to Newcastle Theatre Royal
12/12/24	Y3,4,5,6 Pantomime Trip to Newcastle
20/12/24	End of Term (1.15pm)

*More dates will be added throughout the term*