



# NEWSLETTER

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

## **CHRISTMAS DINNER – Wednesday 11th December**

As well as Christmas dinner for all, we will be taking part in using the day to raise money and awareness for Eden Valley Hospice. Children will be encouraged to come in a Christmas jumper, or anything festive and make a donation to this worthy cause.

## **JUNIOR PANTOMIME VISIT Y3 – 6: Thursday 12th December**

The children will travel to Newcastle Theatre Royal to see a production of ‘The Little Mermaid’ on Thursday 12th December. We will leave school at 12.00pm after an early lunch, 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**.

It is always a fantastic day which lasts long in the memory. In order 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.
- Due to the escalating costs and frantic rush to purchase them, we do not want children to buy fluorescent flashing toys at the theatre. However, you are more than welcome to bring something like that with you if you have one.
- 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 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (In School)**

The children in Y5/6 will lead a Christingle Service which will take place in school. The children will hear about the meaning behind this symbol and the whole school will light their Christingles and bring them home afterwards. It will also be a chance for Y3/4 to share their Cathedral carols again and for Infants to perform their nativity songs. *Unfortunately, due to the size of our hall, it means that parents are unable to attend.*

### **INFANT CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the Infants are involved in a production of ‘Fleece Force’ 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 going to be a PE day and children should come in PE kits. They will bring their uniform from the previous day home at the end of Wednesday.
- The theatre holds 100 people which should be 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.
- This means that 2 seats per child have been allocated and it would be appreciated if these could be ordered by **Wednesday 11th**. Whilst there may well be spare seats, please stick to this guidance. We will let you know of any spare seats on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.*

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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**

Twelve children from Y5/6 took part in Sports Hall Athletics last week. Some determined performances resulted in 9th place overall.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

The school were invited to take part in a cross-country event at Lime House School. With 7 other schools and over 40 runners in each race it presented a challenge to our runners, not to mention the ascent and descent of the stepped lawn on each course. In the Y5/6 race, Naoh Jesse (8th) and Thea Clarke (7th) were our best performers, but in the Y3/4 race Cummersdale runners secured the top 4 places. Remarkably Alfie Wannop (4th), Radley Errington (3rd), Theo Allison (2nd) and Jake Bell (1st) completed a clean sweep of medals.

### **CARLISLE CATHEDRAL CONCERTS**

The performances of the Y3/4 children at the Cathedral were simply wonderful. They had done remarkably well to learn so many words and sang beautifully. I was very proud and it really got Christmas going for me. Well done!

### **ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

Thank you to all who have shopped at Asda recently and helped to raise a substantial amount for school funds.



## ATTENDANCE

Both Y2 and Y4 achieved 100% attendance last week which is impressive at this busy time of year. Well done!

## HOUSE POINTS

Cat Bells continue to lead the way with House Points which will continue this half term, although it is getting very close. The children are working towards a House Treat which could well be at 'Game on' in December.

Cat Bells 1336, Blencathra 1278, Skiddaw 1267. Helvellyn 1239,

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Chloe Mitchell (Rec)** who has really been trying hard recently. Last week the award went to **India Maxwell (Y5)** for her energy and enthusiasm in school and a terrific performance in the class assembly.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Seb Amato (Y6)** for making a special effort to be kind and helpful to someone who was feeling a bit upset. Last week's award went to **Ethan Simpson (Y2)** for helping a younger child put their gloves on at playtime.

The **Enjoy-a-ball trophy** goes to **Jake Bell (Y4)** who led the field in a very successful day of cross-country racing at Lime House School.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
12/12/24	Y3,4,5,6 Pantomime Trip to Newcastle
15/12/24	Christingle Service
17/12/24	Infant Nativity at Caldew School (1.30pm)
19/12/24	Christmas Party Day (Infants am, Juniors pm)
20/12/24	End of Term (1.15pm)