



NEWSLETTER

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GOVERNANCE

The school's governing body looks at the strategic direction of the school and supports and challenges the headteacher in the running of the school. It comprises of 4 parent governors, 3 co-opted governors, 1 local authority approved governor and a teacher governor along with the Headteacher (ex officio) and a clerk.

Our current governors are:

Mrs Flo Bell (Chair)
Mark Wilson (LA)
Marilyn Farrugia (Co-opted)
Gail Mounsey (Parent)
Lorna Bell (Parent)
Maria Tolley (Parent)
Fay Scott (Teacher)
Kerry Makepeace (Clerk)

We have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor following the resignation of Danny Barber. We thank him for his two years of governance. We currently meet 4 times a year with some governors also attending sub-committee meetings. I have attached additional information about becoming a governor and details of how to apply. Alternatively, if you would like to find out more, speak to either myself or any of our current governors listed above who will explain what is involved.

CHESS

Lunchtimes are extremely busy with chess at the moment. Three rounds of our internal chess competition, which involves thirty children, have taken place with Teddy Anderson, Matthew Sharp, Liam Pearson, Ethan Kelly-Bowe and Michael Sharp all having won their first three games. The fourth round continues next week. Good luck everyone!

PACKED LUNCHES AND JUICE

Some children who have packed lunches have been bringing energy drinks and other drinks with very high sugar content in to have with their lunch. Whilst juice has been allowed in the past, we feel that it will be simpler for all children and parents to clarify just what is and what isn't allowed. As a result, a decision has been made that as water is provided for children who have school dinners, those having packed lunches should also have water so there is no need

to bring in a separate drink with a packed lunch from now on. Hopefully, this will clear up any confusion.

NETBALL

There is a netball tournament for Y5/6 on Wednesday next week taking place at Trinity. Mrs Wakefield will take the team and information regarding this will come out via classlists.

SKI TRIP

I will be joining three of our Y6 pupils on the Cumbria Primary School Ski Trip to Artesina in Italy next week. They are part of a party of 120 children from 32 schools across Cumbria.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Next week Y3/4 will be putting on a class assembly which will take place on **Friday morning at 9am**. Reception's assembly is just before half term on **Friday February 14th** at the same time. Y1/2 will perform theirs just before Easter on **Friday 4th April** but at **2.30pm**.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US – RECEPTION

The children in Reception received a visit from the Paragon Vets on Wednesday. As well as bandaging the paws on Nigel the dog, the children looked at x-rays and learnt about what a busy vet does. Mrs Wake will be the next visitor on Monday and she will be talking about her role as a nurse. Reception will also be visiting the Fire Station at Durrhill on Thursday 6th February.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance has again been good this week. Whilst Reception have the highest attendance since September with 98.15%, Y5 must be really enjoying school as their attendance has been 99.75% since Christmas.

HOUSE POINTS

The younger children in Cat Bells enjoyed a great afternoon out at Aztec soft play recently. Unfortunately, the Juniors 'treat' couldn't go ahead as planned but will now take place on Tuesday February 4th.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Radley Errington (Y3)** for offering his gloves to a smaller child at playtime. Last week's winner was **Callum Whittle (Y5)** for a really impressive attitude to his work.

The **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** goes to **Wills Evans (Y5)** for assisting and caring for another child who had a nosebleed. Last week's winner was **Sophie Menery (Y2)** for helping pick up coats in the cloakroom without being asked.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 - 31/1/25	Cumbria Primary Schools Ski Trip
27/1/25	Nurse (Mrs Wake) to visit Reception
29/1/25	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
31/1/25	Y3/4 Class Assembly
4/2/25	Y5/6 Bouldering Session – Eden Rock
6/2/25	Reception Fire Station Visit
6/2/25	Y3/4 Sports Hall Athletics
10/2/25	Y3/4 Swimming (daily for 1 week)
12/2/25	Y3/4 English Day – Thursby School
12/2/25	House Curling Competition
14/2/25	Reception Class Assembly
14/2/25	Talent Show
14/2/25	Finish for Half Term
24/2/25	New Half Term begins
24/2/25	Y1/2 Swimming (daily for 2 weeks)
25/2/25	Y3/4 Tennis sessions begin: Chatsworth Tennis Club
28/2/25	Key Step Gymnastics Competition
3 - 5/3/25	Y5/6 Residential to Liverpool
6/3/25	Eden Rock Bouldering Competition (Y5/6)
7/3/25	House Reading Competition and World Book Day
10/3/25	Book Bus to visit
11/3/25	Governors Meeting
22/3/25	School Visit to Carlisle United v Bromley
1/4/25	CSSA Swimming Gala - The Sands
4/4/25	End of Term