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Newsletter

Thursday 9th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy new year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and enjoyed the excitement and/or rest. The children have hit the ground running and we're already into the fantastic teaching and learning routines. Some notices and reminders follow for the coming weeks:

Spring Term Learning

This term's context for learning is 'Incredible Inventions'. Each class will use this as a stimulus to delivering sequences of learning from across the curriculum. Please see the 'Curriculum Plans' area of the school website for information on what your child(ren) will be learning about. Please note, these plans are not 'set in stone' nor are they exhaustive. We will take opportunities for relevant, incidental learning based on school, local, national or global events or celebrations.

Applications for Reception places, September 2025. Time is running out to apply for September's Reception places! If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, the closing-date for applications is next Wednesday 15th January. Please share the recent Facebook post and do pass the information on to those who might need it!

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools/apply-reception-place#:~:text=When%20to%20apply,will%20be%20processed%20on%2Dtime.>

Nursery

We have welcomed some new Nursery children this week who are settling in well. Our school nursery is a perfect setting for children to learn, play, develop and build relationships once they turn three years old. We offer flexibility with days, sessions and settling in; parents can make use of the free 15 and 30 hour childcare codes. Please contact us for further information and again, feel free to share with family and friends.

Eden Valley Sports Partnership

We are very excited to join the partnership for the rest of the school year! The partnership work with schools from around the county, organising and running a number of sporting events. The first one is a swimming gala next week for some children in classes 2 and 3. We cannot take large numbers to each event, however the aim is to get every child out, representing school this year. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children and will give them valuable experience, working with, and against children from different schools across a range of sports and activities. I know this is something that our parents value also; being the small, village school that we are, some of the events will rely on parent volunteers to help with supervision and transport. Please look out for letters and messages as your help with this is always vital and hugely appreciated.



Class 3 Residential to Edinburgh

Thank you to all parents who have been paying instalments towards the final balance. Flexible payments will continue on School Hub until balances are finalised. I will be organising a parent meeting to go over the itinerary and the finer details after half-term.

Clubs will start next week, beginning 13th January.

Chess Club - Monday afternoon (Mr Andrews and local chess player Richard Farrall)

Harry Potter Club - Tuesday after school 3:30 – 4:15pm (For budding wizards and witches in Years 1-6 with Mr Andrews! Please sign up on the After School Club noticeboard.)

Choir/Music club – Tuesday lunchtime (Miss Reding with Years 3-6)

Lego/Construction Club – Wednesday lunchtime (Miss Reding with years 2-6)

Carlisle Music Festival

Miss Reding's Choir Club will be working on some pieces to perform at Carlisle Music Festival, week beginning Monday 10th March. Details to follow.

Nut Free School

You will have received a letter about the need for our school to be nut free, due to some severe allergies. Please read the information carefully, particularly if your child brings packed lunches. Your understanding with this is much appreciated.

Road Closure

You will have noticed the signs around the village. We have been assured that the school will have usual access via the usual roads.

Spring Clean – volunteer request! – Saturday 1st March

Please let me know if you're able to volunteer for our annual Spring Clean of the school grounds and gardens. Jobs include trimming back overgrown grass/bushes/hedges, sweeping up, window washing and tidying up of the garden beds at the side entrance of the school. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits at the ready! Children welcome but must be put to work!

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day. Activities in school.

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – Half-Term Holiday

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February 2025 – Parents' Evenings. Details to follow

Saturday 1st March – Spring Clean

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day. Details to follow.

Tuesday 18th March – Spring/Easter Celebration. 2pm at The Chapel.

Monday 25th – Thursday 28th March. Class 3 residential to Edinburgh.

As always, we value your input and feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any thoughts or queries.

Many thanks,

Mr L. Andrews
Headteacher

