



# NEWSLETTER

## 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### School Events

Well done to all the children for their fantastic efforts during Voice Up! Week. There were some excellent performances of the poems they had memorised which culminated in a truly superb final on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Our judges had such a difficult job and the title could really have gone to any of the finalists. Thank you for all your support helping the children to learn their poems at home.

World Book Week was a tremendous time for all of us. I am sure many of you will have seen the photos on our facebook page. Emily, our visiting storyteller, captivated us for two full days and left the children inspired to write and tell their own stories. The Readathon was a great success, with many pages devoured during the morning. The children's literary costumes were fantastic once again! We are always amazed at the range of characters on view. Thanks again to all the parents, carers and family members that helped make this day such a success.

A special mention must go to Year 4 and Year 5 who have represented the school so well at recent visits out of school. Year 5 had a long, energetic yet tiring day at Chill Factore in Manchester and Year 4 have spent 2 days at Senhouse Museum in Maryport over the past two weeks. All the children have displayed excellent conduct, behaviour and manners being truly great ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone!

This week we look forward to Year 4's magnificent performance for UDance at the Carnegie Theatre on Friday night. Good luck to all those children taking part. We are all looking forward to seeing their fantastic show.

Key dates for next week:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March- 6G perform their talent show to raise funds for our Action Aid sponsored child Lumiere. Parents of 6G are invited to this performance which will take place at 2:30pm.**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Year 3 will be visiting Tullie House Museum in Carlisle.**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March will see us join in with the National Red Nose Day celebrations by holding a non-uniform day- red theme if possible please. £1 to join in with the fun.**

Further events this term:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Maths Workshop at 4pm. The focus this time will be on multiplication & division.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Friends of Ashfield Spring Discos.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March- School class photographs.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- Brain Tumour Research Wear a Hat to School fundraising event. We are supporting our kitchen staff who are taking part in sponsored events for this charity. Children are invited to attend school wearing a hat of their choice for the day. £1 to join in with this event.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April- Music performance involving those pupils attending instrument lessons. Parents and carers invited at 2:15pm.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Year 3 to St Johns Church for Experience Easter.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April- Year 3 Residential Parents Meeting at 6pm.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>-Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April- Y4 Residential to Lockerbie.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Last day of term. Break up at 3:15pm.

### **School Development**

Work continues on achieving our priorities in the School Development Plan. We have recently been successful in bidding for additional funds from the DfE to help us build further links with local teaching schools in order to develop good practice throughout our school. The next few months will also see many opportunities for teachers to get together to discuss improvements to teaching & learning through peer observation and coaching. Teachers will also be working hard monitoring and evaluating the progress made throughout school in the subjects that they lead.

Our Governors continue to be closely involved in all our improvement activities. They are working closely alongside school staff to ensure that priorities are met as well as working on their own Action Plan alongside a national leader of Governance.

We currently are making an application to the Lottery Fund to build an outdoor classroom in the school grounds. Further information will follow when we receive news to say if we have been successful. Work will also be taking place this week within the school woodland area as The National Trust help us to maximise the use of this space for learning.

We are also working closely with the Cumbria Development Education Centre to apply to the Global Learning Programme for Expert Centre status. This reflects the high priority we place on global learning opportunities within school and will involve us acting as a hub for West Cumbrian schools to develop further good practice throughout the area.

Professional Development activities since mid-February include:

School Improvement Meeting with our Local Authority advisors- involving school leaders.	Primary Heads Association Termly Briefing- attended by Mrs Frost.
Safeguarding Level 3 training- Mrs Frost & Mrs Thwaites.	Teaching & Learning discussion- all teaching staff.
Maths Subject Leaders meeting- Mrs Gibson.	Deputy Heads Network Meeting- Mr Bishop.
PSHE development meeting- all teaching staff with teaching staff from Ashfield Infants School.	Governors Cluster Meeting.
Upcoming development opportunities:	
Nurture Provision Training- Mrs Thwaites.	Mid Year Appraisal reviews- all teaching staff.
Numicon Maths development- teaching staff.	English assessment training- Mrs Gibson.
Junior Schools National Conference- Mrs Frost & Mr Bishop.	Primary Liaison with Workington Academy- Mrs Frost.
Mastery Maths meeting- Mrs Gibson.	English Subject Leaders meeting- Mr Bishop.

**Please check the school website for further dates, letters and information.**