



Newsletter

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A Message from Mrs Frost

Well this term certainly is flying by! We have already started thinking about plans for Christmas events even though it doesn't seem five minutes since the children returned after the Summer break.

Everyone is really busy and there have been some wonderful achievements throughout the term so far both in the classroom and outside. We have seen some fabulous writing, reading, maths and art work from the children during their lessons but we have also seen some fantastic examples of them developing their social conscience. Well done to the 25 children from Y3 & Y4 who joined us for a Diwali celebration after school last week. We had great fun with the sparklers! This week we are thinking about how we choose to show respect to each other as part of Anti-Bullying Week. We have already seen and heard some great examples of this throughout school.

A number of children have been involved in raising money for charity this term and more are coming with requests to do more of this work next term. Congratulations go to Bella and Sophie in Y4 who raised £35.35 for Cancer Research and to Macy and Kayla in Y4 who raised £9 for School Funds. A big thank you also goes to you all for your contributions for the Sports for Schools day with wheelchair rugby player Stuart Robinson. A fantastic £1103.85 was raised on that day. School gets to keep 60% of this money to buy sports equipment. The Sports Leaders and Mrs Smits will be busy looking in the catalogue soon to decide what they would like to buy.

The children have enjoyed some fantastic visits out of school this term so far and on all occasions their conduct has been exceptional. They always return full of excitement and news and a comment from whoever ran the trip to say how fabulous they have been. They are always a credit to you and the school. We have also been involved in working with other schools this term when our School Council joined the councils from all 13 Workington Schools at a special event we organised at Allerdale House. The children began thinking about their collective concerns and plans for the future and we are all looking to the next meeting in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who took part in half term's family quiz. We had almost 70 responses and there had obviously been some great collaborative working going on in your search for the answers. This is a great way to further widen the children's knowledge and understanding of the world around them. We hope you had some great conversations about the people involved. We are hoping to put together another quiz for the Christmas break so watch out at the end of term.

The teachers have all been busy over the last few weeks as we have met for appraisal discussions. There have been many great achievements for us as a school over the past twelve months and we have great plans to continue to build on these over the coming months and years. Our School Development Plan main priorities are now on the school website with our main focus areas being spelling, reasoning in maths, impact of the Pupil Premium, continuing to develop and strengthen leadership and ensuring pupil and staff well-being.

The governors are heavily involved in supporting the school with this plan and are currently looking at the school's longer term goals for the next four years as we develop our Strategic Plan. We would very much like you to be part of the discussion around this plan so look out soon for our first consultation document. Your thoughts are always important to us as we strive to ensure the best for your children.

The next few weeks will be extremely busy, starting with this term's assessments and a round of lesson observations in every class. Once all the hard work is completed we will ensure we get a chance to enjoy the festive celebrations with the children in the last part of term. This is a very special time for all of us and it is important that we get the chance to look back on all the hard work and effort over the term and come together to celebrate this special time of year. The festivities begin on 4th December and run through to the end of term on the 21st.

4th December & 6th December- Y3 to St John's Church for Experience Christmas

5th December- our Christianity theme day in school (the meaning of Christmas)

5th December- Choir singing at The Briery

6th December (9am-10:30am)- Christmas Decoration morning (PLEASE JOIN US)

6th December (4pm)- Christmas Fair (PLEASE JOIN US)

7th December- NISCU Christmas puppet show for Y3 & Y4

10th December- whole school visit to the Carnegie Theatre

11th December- Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

14th December (1:30pm-2:30pm)- Christmas Service at St John's Church (PLEASE JOIN US)

17th December- Y3 Christmas Party; 18th December- Y4 Christmas Party; 19th December- Y5 Christmas Party

20th December- Y6 Christmas Party

21st December- end of term. School finishes at 3:15pm

As you can see it will be a very busy time during these last few weeks but we hope it will also be an enjoyable one. We would ask you to just keep up to date with text alerts and letters that come out about these events and don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you want to check or aren't sure about.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who attended parent's meetings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you (particularly braving the torrential rain!) and I know the teachers would like to pass on their thanks for your contributions and messages of support for them and the school. We always appreciate everything that you do with your children to support them with their learning as we know this makes a crucial difference. It's great for us to have the chance to talk about the wonderful things your children do at school.



Practising for wheelchair basketball in Year 5



Raising money for First Lego League