

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – April 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our April newsletter. We trust you've all had a wonderful, restful break and are ready for the new term ahead. It was lovely to see the children return to school this morning looking so smart and refreshed as well as welcoming all the Reception children in through the hall door.



The end of Spring term was a great success with some wonderful class assemblies led by our Year 3, 2, 1 and Reception children. Their plays and presentations were exceptional and provided parents, friends and the rest of the school with a fabulous insight into the work they are doing in class. Our Red Nose Day event, supported by St Bees Triers, went very well with £314 being raised. Please remember that we are still working towards the hundred mile challenge and can't wait to hand out certificates to those busy children who are walking, running, cycling and swimming.

The Year 4 children had a very exciting trip to Manor House in Lockerbie where they climbed, abseiled, canoed, kayaked, made films, completed blind fold trails and initiative exercises. Everyone had a brilliant time and were all met back at school on the last Friday of the term. We will be wishing our Year 3 children all the best in a couple of weeks when they go on their residential to Windermere.

During the holidays we were extremely lucky to have some very kind Governors and Parents come into school and help refurbish and decorate the Infant toilets. A job very well done and very welcome! The area looks fantastic – much brighter, smarter and far more fit for purpose! Huge thanks to Alan Bowes, Helen Sharpe, Phil Hughes, Mark Mackie, Jason Adair and Jason Foxcroft, without whom we would not have been able to do this much needed work in school.

DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER

We are thrilled to inform you that we are currently re-structuring the Leadership and Management team within school. As part of this restructure we are going to introduce the role of Deputy Head teacher and one Senior Leader rather than the current structure of two Senior Leaders. Interviews are taking place on Thursday of this week and we will let you know the outcome as soon as a decision is made.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Kidsafe

We are continuing to work on our Kidsafe programme this term with our Reception and Year 1 children. The Kidsafe programme is part of the school's wider work on Safeguarding children within school and involves helping children understand how they can keep themselves safe in all aspects of life. A parent information session for parents of Year 1 children will be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 3.15pm and for parents of Reception children on Monday 15th May at 3.15 pm.

Curriculum Days

Our Science week was such a success that we have decided to hold a subject specific curriculum day each half term. We will post news about the event on our website when details have been finalised. The aim is to give pupils the opportunity to be 'immersed' in a subject for a full day so that they can gain a deeper understanding of the topic they are studying as well as raising the profile of the foundation subjects taught in school.

Sports

Football is continuing this term on Mondays with Stuart Green which is being thoroughly enjoyed by all children. We also have Cricket starting this Wednesday for Year 3 and Year 5 children and next half term will be Year 4 and Year 6. Year 4 are starting some exciting Rugby and Sign Language sessions this Thursday for this half term. Look out for further information about some of the competitions we are entering this term.

Writing Competition

We had some fantastic entries to our writing competition last half term called 'A Cumbrian Tale'. Well done and thank you to all the children that took part for their hard work and tremendous writing. Congratulations go to the winners who had obviously put an enormous amount of effort into the competition and produced some fascinating pieces of writing. The winners were Abigail Hill (Juniors) and James Whaley (Infants).

We are running another competition this half term which is called Life Cycles. It is a non-fiction writing competition and should be about the life cycle of a plant or animal. The competition deadline is Monday 22nd May and the winners will be announced on Friday 26th May. Happy writing everyone!

Handwriting

Teachers' will be judging children's handwriting this week and the Handwriting Champions will be announced during Friday's celebration assembly. Examples of the winning children's handwriting will be displayed in the hall for everyone to see and aspire to.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 24 th April	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank holiday Monday
Tuesday 2 nd May	Kidsafe Parents' Meeting for Year 1 Parents
Thursday 4 th May 2017	National Trust Planting - Year 4
Thursday 11 th May 2017	Pre-School @ Tesco
W/C Monday 8 th May 2017	KS2 national assessments (SATs)
Wednesday 10 th May 2017 to Friday 11 th May 2017	Year 3 Residential
Monday 15 th May 2017	Shakespeare Workshop Years 5 & 6
	Kidsafe Parents' Meeting for Reception & Year 2 Parents
Thursday 18 th May 2017	Play in Day - Year 3
Friday 19 th May 2017	Bake Off Day! - VSA
Wednesday 24 th May 2017	St Bees has got Talent (Shortlisting for Family Fun Day)
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Mini-Colour Run @ 2.30 (Hospice at Home)
Monday 30 th May 2017 to Friday 3 rd June 2017	Half term holiday
Thursday 8 th June 2017	Year 4 @ Tesco
Wednesday 14 th June 2017	Pre-School Group Photos
Thursday 15 th June 2017	M&M Productions – Whole School
Friday 16 th June 2017	Year 1 trip to Maryport
	NSPCC Workshop - Year 6
Saturday 17 th June 2017	St. Bees Fete Day
W/C Monday 19 th June 2017	Sports Week
Thursday 22 nd June 2017	Year 3 Science trip to Lakes College
Sunday 25 th June 2017 to Thursday 29 th June 2017	Y5/6 Residential to York
Monday 26 th June 2017	Book Bus
Friday 7 th July 2017	Juniors' Summer Show Dress Rehearsal – 1.45 pm
Monday 10 th July 2017	Juniors' Summer Show Performance – 1.45 pm
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Tuesday 11 th July 2017	Junior Summer Show performance – 1.45 pm
Thursday 13 th July 2017	Year 6 Sleepover
Monday 17 th July 2017	VSA Disco
Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 6.00 pm
Thursday 20 th July 2017	School closes for the Summer holidays @ 1.30pm there will be no ASC provision on this day.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs E Sharp,
Headteacher.