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Dear Parent(s) and Carers,

Subject: Welcome Back to Cumwhinton School - Start of 2024

I trust this letter finds you well and that you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break with your loved ones. As we embark on a new year, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome back to Cumwhinton School.

I hope the Christmas break provided you with moments of joy, relaxation, and valuable time spent with family and friends. As we look forward to the upcoming term, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences that await our pupils.

The start of the year is always a special time as we reunite with familiar faces and welcome new ones into our school community. We are committed to fostering a positive and nurturing environment where each pupil can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated team of staff are prepared to continue providing high-quality education and support to ensure the success and well-being of every child.

In the spirit of collaboration, we encourage open communication between parents, carers, and the school. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in creating a vibrant and enriching educational experience for our pupils. We invite you to attend upcoming school events and other opportunities for engagement.

Throughout the year, we will continue to focus on academic excellence, character development, and the overall growth of our pupils. We are dedicated to maintaining a safe and inclusive learning environment where each child feels valued, respected, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Start of the school day

As we embark on a new year, we extend our gratitude for your continued partnership in prioritising the safety and well-being of our pupils. To ensure a smooth start to each school day, we kindly remind you to exit the playground promptly when the morning whistle is blown at 8:45 am. By this time, our children will be lined up in their class lines, ready to begin the day. Establishing clear routines is paramount in maintaining a secure and organised environment for the children and staff. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, and we are pleased to note that the children are now familiar with our morning routines.

Physical Education timetable

Our Spring term PE timetable will start this week.

- Reception - Monday and Friday
- Year 1 - Monday and Friday
- Year 2 - Tuesday and Thursday

- Year 3 - Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 4 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 6 - Wednesday and Thursday

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are excited to announce the Extra-Curricular Clubs (ECC) for this half term. Ed Taylor will continue leading the Choir for KS2 children every Friday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, featuring a line-up of concerts, festivals, and competitions throughout 2024. Miss Mooney will be leading a Cookery ECC for Year 5 starting this Thursday, running every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Carlisle Dance Academy ECC for Reception and Year 1 will commence next Monday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Year 3 and 4 pupils can join a Gymnastic ECC with Kimberley every Monday morning from 8 am to 8:45 am, starting Monday 8th January. Letters were sent out last term by the ECC Leads, and please check School Money for a payment of £18 per pupil for each club (£3 per ECC session). We ask that the payment is paid before the club starts, thank you. We look forward to a term filled with enriching experiences.

Homework

We would like to emphasise the importance of continued commitment to the completion of weekly homework across Years 1 to Year 6. The homework routine includes weekly spellings, handwriting practice, and one piece of curriculum-inspired homework. This well-rounded approach is designed to reinforce learning and foster academic growth. Homework is distributed on Tuesdays, and we kindly request that completed homework be returned the following Monday. Your support in ensuring that pupils adhere to this schedule plays a crucial role in their educational development. We appreciate your ongoing partnership in nurturing a culture of learning both at school and at home.

Please take note of important dates and events for the upcoming term, which will be communicated via our school website, newsletters, and our school Facebook page.

Once again, welcome back to Cumwhinton School. We look forward to another successful and fulfilling year together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support

Warm regards,



Mr Stewart
Headteacher