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Dear Cumwhinton School Families,

I am writing to update you on the exciting events that have been taking place in our school this week.

School Council and Pupil Voice

It has been a momentous week for our pupils as each year group participated in the school council election process. Our young leaders worked diligently to prepare and deliver their speeches, articulating why they should be chosen as school councillors. It was truly heartening to witness their passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to making a positive impact on our school community.

I extend my gratitude to our School Council Lead, Miss Reed, for her exceptional organisation and leadership throughout this process. Her dedication and efforts have played a crucial role in guiding our pupils through this important democratic experience.

The highlight of this week will be the announcement of the 2024 School Council during our weekly celebration assembly this afternoon. The children have cast their votes, and the results are eagerly awaited. I am confident that our elected councillors will represent the diverse voices of our pupil body and contribute significantly to the betterment of our school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the active participation of our children in the democratic process. Their engagement in this initiative is a testament to their growing sense of responsibility and understanding of the importance of leadership within a community.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating the achievements of our children and the democratic spirit that thrives within Cumwhinton School. Your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education are integral to the success of our school community.

Parking

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of our school community for their conscientious efforts in adhering to parking regulations outside the school premises. Your commitment to not parking on the yellow zig-zag lines and avoiding blockage of our community's driveways is commendable. These actions contribute significantly to the safety and well-being of our children and ensure the smooth flow of traffic in our vicinity. As an added measure to reinforce this, our new school Police Officers will be actively monitoring the area every morning before school and every afternoon after school. Your continued cooperation is vital in fostering a secure and efficient environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to the safety of our school community.



Headteacher
Assistant Headteacher
Business Manager

Mr J Stewart
Mrs L Barber
Mrs M Harris

2024 Easter Church Service

I am delighted to announce the dates for our upcoming Easter Services, which will be held on the 25th March (Years 1, 3 and 5) and 26th March (Year 2, 4 and 6). The services are scheduled to commence at 10 am and will last approximately 45 minutes. It is a joyous occasion for our school community to come together and celebrate the spirit of Easter. I am eager to share more details about these services with you next week. Please mark your calendars and save the date for these special events. Your presence and participation will undoubtedly add to the warmth and significance of our Easter celebrations.

Police visit

I am thrilled to share the exciting news that this week, the Reception class had the privilege of a special visit from the local police as part of our "People Who Help Us" program. The children were enthralled to meet the dedicated police officers, and the highlight of the visit was the presence of police dogs and not one, but three police cars. The children had a unique and unforgettable experience as they were given the opportunity to turn on the sirens and lights, sparking joy and curiosity among our youngest learners. I extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Anderson for her thoughtful organisation of this enriching experience, fostering a positive connection between our children and the community helpers who work tirelessly to ensure our safety.

Year 6 work experience at Rose Castle

I am thrilled to announce the commencement of our Year 6 work experience program with Rose Castle this month. This exceptional initiative will see groups of four pupils visiting Rose Castle every few weeks to gain hands-on experience across various sectors within the hospitality industry. This fantastic opportunity is a testament to our commitment to providing unique and enriching experiences for our pupils. I am proud to share that we are currently the only school in Cumbria offering this distinctive program, setting us apart in providing an unparalleled opportunity for our pupils to explore and learn. I extend my appreciation to Mrs. Moxon for her tireless efforts in coordinating this program with Duncan from Rose Castle, ensuring our Year 6 pupils have the chance to embark on this exciting journey of discovery.

Extra-Curricular Club payments

As we gear up for another exciting term of Extra-Curricular Clubs, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of timely payment of club fees. To ensure a smooth commencement of the clubs, we kindly request that all fees be settled through School Money before the club sessions begin. It is imperative to note that non-payment may result in your child being unable to attend the desired club. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter, as it enables us to provide a seamless and enriching experience for all participants.

Dates of upcoming events

- 17th January – Fire Brigade visiting EYFS
- 18th January – Reception class visiting Stock Wood
- 22nd January – Years 3 and 4 athletics competition at Harraby 3G
- 24th January – Year 6 pupils at Rose Castle (hospitality work experience)

Yours sincerely,



Mr Stewart
Headteacher