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“Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World”

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with pride as we reflect on the achievements of our wonderful Cumwhinton School community. As we embark on the final 2 weeks of the 1st half of the Spring term, it gives me great pleasure to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible success that our school has achieved, thanks to the dedication and collaboration of our children, parents, and staff.

It is with immense pride that I commend our pupils for their hard work, enthusiasm, and remarkable achievements throughout the week. Their eagerness to learn, their resilience in the face of challenges, and their unwavering commitment to excellence are truly commendable. Whether it's in the classroom, in the sports hall, or within the broader community, our pupils continue to impress us with their talents, kindness, and determination to make a positive impact.

Equally deserving of praise are our parents and caregivers, whose unwavering support and partnership play an integral role in the success of our school. Your involvement in your child's education, whether through volunteering, attending events, or simply providing encouragement at home, is invaluable and deeply appreciated. Together, we create a nurturing environment where every child feels supported, inspired, and empowered to thrive.

Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics

We are absolutely thrilled to commend the remarkable achievements of our outstanding pupils who proudly represented our school at the Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics held at Harraby Sports Hall last Monday. Their performance was nothing short of superb, showcasing unparalleled dedication and skill as they competed tremendously in both track and field events. With each stride, throw, and jump, they displayed remarkable talent and determination, leaving an indelible mark on the competition. Not only did they excel athletically, but their behaviour throughout the event was exemplary, reflecting the values of sportsmanship and respect instilled within our school community.

We couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments and commend them for their unwavering commitment and impeccable conduct both on and off the field. Congratulations to our extraordinary athletes for a job incredibly well done!



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Year 6 Hospitality industry experience

Last week, a group of eager pupils from Year 6 embarked on an enriching excursion to Rose Castle as part of our school's pioneering initiative to introduce children to the dynamic world of the hospitality industry. This exclusive opportunity allowed our pupils to delve into the heart of the culinary arts as they rolled up their sleeves and ventured into the bustling kitchen of the hotel, working alongside a seasoned professional chef to craft delectable chocolate cupcakes. It's worth noting that our school stands as the sole educational institution in Cumbria offering such immersive experiences to its pupils, a testament to our commitment to providing unparalleled educational opportunities. A heartfelt thank you extends to Duncan and the dedicated staff at Rose Castle for graciously extending this invaluable opportunity to our pupils.

Looking ahead, our children eagerly anticipate their upcoming exploration of interior design at the hotel, which recently underwent a lavish £8 million renovation. This remarkable establishment, where accommodations can command upwards of £25,000 per stay, presents a unique and unparalleled opportunity for our pupils to immerse themselves in the intricacies of high-end luxury hospitality. Through these experiences, our pupils not only gain practical skills and industry insights but also cultivate a profound appreciation for the artistry and dedication that underpin the hospitality sector. We are immensely grateful for the privilege of collaborating with Rose Castle and look forward to continuing this mutually enriching partnership.

EYFS – Paragon Vets and Cumbria Waste

Last week, our youngest learners were delighted by a visit from Paragon Vets, who brought the world of veterinary care to life right here at our school. With wide eyes and eager minds, our Early Years Foundation Stage pupils immersed themselves in the captivating role of a vet, learning about caring for animals and the importance of kindness and empathy. We are immensely grateful to Paragon Vets for their engaging and educational presentation, which sparked curiosity and inspired future animal lovers among our little ones.

In addition to this enriching experience, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Cumbria Waste for their invaluable contribution to our learning journey. Their visit with waste vehicles provided a hands-on opportunity for our children to explore the world of waste management, fostering a deeper understanding of how we can responsibly manage our consumption of resources. Through this interactive session, our youngest learners gained a newfound appreciation for the dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to keep our community clean and safe. We are deeply appreciative of Cumbria Waste for their commitment to environmental stewardship and for supporting our efforts to educate and empower the next generation of environmentally conscious citizens.

Timetables Rockstars

At our school, we take pride in nurturing mathematical proficiency and Times Table Rockstars has emerged as a vital tool in honing our pupils' multiplication skills. Mastering times tables lays a solid foundation for mathematical fluency, unlocking access to large sections of the curriculum. It's remarkable to note that our Year 2 class has excelled, topping the charts with their exceptional dedication to Times Table Rockstars. Their commitment is evident not only in the classroom but also at home, where they diligently work on their times tables, reflected in their impressive performance in the league tables.



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This week, the excitement is palpable as our battles unfold, pitting Year 2 against Year 3 and Year 4 against Year 5 in intense Times Table Rockstars showdowns. Additionally, Year 5 bravely takes on the challenge of competing against Year 6, showcasing their determination and readiness to tackle increasingly complex mathematical concepts. As our pupils engage in these spirited **competitions**, they not only sharpen their multiplication skills but also foster a sense of camaraderie and teamwork. Times Table Rockstars serves as a dynamic platform where mathematical prowess is celebrated, motivating our children to strive for excellence and embrace the endless possibilities that await in the world of mathematics.

Building work

We are excited to announce the commencement of our new classroom this week, marking the beginning of an exciting phase for our school. Over the coming weeks, you will notice significant changes around the school as construction progresses. These changes reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the learning environment for our pupils. Rest assured, the education, safety, and well-being of our children remain our top priorities, and we have been working closely with contractors to ensure minimal disruption and maximum safety throughout this process. We appreciate your patience and support as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

Parking

We kindly remind all members of our school community to be considerate and mindful when utilising the parking bays opposite the school. It has been brought to our attention by residents that cars are not always parked in a manner that allows for the optimum use of all allocated parking spaces. We are fortunate to have parking facilities available to us, and it is important that we all do our part to ensure that these spaces are utilised efficiently. Please park considerately, ensuring that you are not encroaching on neighbouring spaces or obstructing access for others. Let's work together to make parking a seamless and respectful experience for everyone in our community. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Year 6 SATS workshop

This is a friendly reminder that the Year 6 teaching team will be hosting a SATs information workshop after school this Thursday. During this session, they will provide valuable insights into the SAT papers and workbooks available to support our children in their preparation. These materials can be conveniently purchased through the school. The meeting will take place at 3:30 PM in the Year 6 classroom, located opposite the school office. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to gain helpful resources for our Year 6 students. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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