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“Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World”

Sunday 18th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you've all had a delightful half term break with your children, filled with cherished moments spent together and exciting adventures. As we prepare to welcome back our children tomorrow, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to each of you and express my excitement for the half term ahead.

Building work

I am pleased to inform you that the building work at our school is progressing at a rapid pace. The cloakroom and KS2 toilets have been successfully demolished, marking a significant milestone in our renovation efforts. We understand the importance of keeping you informed about these developments, which is why updates on the building work are regularly posted on our school's Facebook page, complete with photos showcasing the progress being made.

Attendance

During the last half term, we unfortunately experienced disruptions to attendance due to various illnesses such as chest infections, colds, and other bugs. As we embark on this new term, I want to reassure you that we are committed to monitoring attendance closely. Starting tomorrow, we are launching measures aimed at driving up attendance and addressing persistent absence. Our school has set a target of 95% and above attendance for all pupils, aligning with both school and national expectations.

In line with our commitment to transparency, you will receive attendance traffic light letters with your children this week. These letters are intended to provide you with insight into your child's attendance and serve as a prompt for any discussions you may wish to have regarding attendance matters. Please take the time to read these letters, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

A gentle reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45 am. Any children arriving after 8:50 am will be marked as late on their attendance records. Your cooperation in ensuring punctual arrival is greatly appreciated, as it contributes to the smooth running of our school day.

Homework

We understand the importance of homework in reinforcing classroom learning and fostering independent study skills in our pupils. Each week, your child's class teacher diligently prepares homework assignments tailored to their educational needs. These assignments include spellings to learn for spelling tests, handwriting practice using the weekly spellings, and one piece of curriculum-inspired homework designed to enhance their understanding of key concepts.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Headteacher
Assistant Headteacher
Business Manager

Mr J Stewart
Mrs L Barber
Mrs M Harris

We want to assure you that the Senior Leadership Team is prioritising the monitoring of homework this half term. We will be checking homework books regularly, not only to ensure completion but also to celebrate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by your children as they self-regulate their own learning through intrinsic motivation.

Your support in encouraging and guiding your child through their homework tasks is greatly appreciated, and together, we can ensure their continued academic success.

Upcoming events

- 20/02/24 – Reception hearing test
- 21/02/24 – Library van visiting school
- 22/02/24 – Years 3 & 4 Football competition
- 23/02/24 – Key Steps Gymnastics
- 27/02/24 – Year 6 Rose Castle work experience
- 27/02/24 – Years 3 & 4 Girls Football competition
- 28/02/24 – National Science Day
- 07/03/24 – NISCU Easter Puppet show
- 14/03/24 – School Choir performing at the Carlisle Music Festival
- 19/03/24 – Year 6 Rose Castle work experience
- 21/03/24 – Year 3 class trip to Castle Rigg Stone Circle
- 21/03/24 – NISCU Easter Puppet Show
- 22/03/24 – Action Ants Archery Sessions Years 4/5/6
- 25/03/24 – Easter Church Service Years 1/3/5 (10am – 10:45am)
- 25/03/24 – Rachel from NISCU leading class workshops
- 26/03/24 – Easter Church Service Years 2/4/6 (10am – 10:45am)
- 28/03/24 – END OF SPRING TERM

I am looking forward to the half term ahead and am confident that, with your continued support, we will make it a successful and rewarding experience for our pupils.

Warmest regards,



Jon Stewart
Headteacher
Cumwhinton School