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*“Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World”*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another vibrant week at Cumwhinton School draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful tapestry of learning, growth, and community that we continue to weave together. From the bustling corridors filled with laughter to the quiet classrooms buzzing with curiosity, our school has been a beacon of inspiration and discovery. As the headteacher, I am continually amazed by the dedication and enthusiasm of our pupils, the unwavering support of our parents and carers, and the passion of our staff. With each passing day, we not only educate minds but also nurture hearts, fostering an environment where every child can flourish and every achievement is celebrated. So, as we bid farewell to another fruitful week, let's take a moment to revel in the joy of learning and the boundless possibilities that lie ahead. Together, let's continue to inspire and empower our young learners on their educational journey.

### World Book Day

Attention all bookworms and literary adventurers! Get ready to embark on an exhilarating journey through the enchanting realms of literature as we celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**! Our school will transform into a vibrant tapestry of characters from beloved tales, as we invite all children to dress up as their favourite literary persona. Whether you dream of soaring through the skies with Harry Potter or solving mysteries with Sherlock Holmes, let your imagination run wild! In the spirit of sharing the magic of reading, we kindly ask for a small donation of £2, which will be used to add thrilling new adventures to our library shelves. So, dust off your capes, don your wizard hats, and join us for a day filled with literary wonder and excitement!

### PTA Valentine Bake Sale

Indulge your sweet tooth and spread happiness this Valentine at our eagerly anticipated PTA Valentine's Bake Sale, happening on **Friday 9th February**! Picture this: a dazzling array of delectable treats awaits, from irresistible cakes to decadent chocolate muffins and everything in between. Our talented community bakers have poured their hearts into crafting an assortment of scrumptious delights that are sure to tickle your taste buds and leave you craving more. Whether you're treating yourself or someone you care about, this bake sale is the perfect opportunity to indulge in a little sweetness while supporting our school community. So, mark your calendars, bring your appetite, and join us for a mouthwatering celebration of happiness and deliciousness! Check out the attached poster for all the mouthwatering details.

### OPAL Bingo

Get ready for a thrilling adventure of exploration and discovery with our school's OPAL Bingo challenge! Mrs. Ward has unveiled an exciting opportunity for our school community to contribute to enhancing our outdoor play and learning spaces through a fun and engaging game. Each class will receive their own Bingo card filled



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with various items to find and bring into school, ranging from natural treasures like pine cones and interesting rocks to playful additions such as skipping ropes and hula hoops. It's a race against time as classes compete to be the first to complete their OPAL Bingo card, sparking friendly competition and teamwork along the way. Let's rally together, embrace the spirit of adventure, and embark on a quest to transform our outdoor spaces into vibrant havens of exploration and imagination!

### **PRIME bottles**

We kindly request that children refrain from using PRIME bottles to bring water into school. Due to the similarities in appearance between PRIME and water, our staff are unable to easily distinguish between the two when they are brought into the classroom. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our children, we ask that PRIME bottles not be used as water bottles. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Classroom screens**

We are thrilled to announce a significant upgrade to our educational facilities that will undoubtedly enhance the learning experience for all pupils. Thanks to the generous support of the Department for Education (DfE), we have successfully purchased and installed state-of-the-art 65-inch high-definition screens in every classroom across our school. This technological advancement marks a pivotal moment in our commitment to providing quality-first teaching methodologies. These screens are not only visually stunning but also equipped with cutting-edge technology that will empower our teachers to deliver engaging and interactive lessons. With these new resources, teachers will have the ability to incorporate multimedia elements, interactive presentations, and real-time demonstrations into their teaching, fostering a dynamic and immersive learning environment. Furthermore, these screens will enable teachers to cater to diverse learning styles, ensuring that every pupil has access to the best possible educational experience. We are excited about the endless possibilities these screens bring to our classrooms and look forward to witnessing the positive impact they will have on teaching and learning.

### **Year 6 SATs workshop**

Thank you to Mrs. Moxon, Mr. Bie, and Miss Reed for their dedicated efforts in organising and leading a highly informative Year 6 SATs workshop for our parents and carers. Their commitment to supporting our children through this important milestone is truly commendable, and I am incredibly grateful for their hard work. We hope that our Year 6 parents and carers found the workshop to be insightful and valuable in understanding the SATs process and how best to support their children. As we continue to prepare our pupils for success, we recommend the ordering of the shared CGP revision books, which have proven to be invaluable resources in aiding pupils' preparation for their SATs. Once again, a big thank you to Mrs. Moxon, Mr. Bie, and Miss Reed for their dedication and expertise.

### **Spring half term**

Friendly Reminder: As we approach the Spring half-term break, please be reminded that school finishes on Friday 9th February. For our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children, the usual finishing time is 15:15, while for the rest of the school, it's 15:20. Please note that school will resume on Monday 19th February, with the school day starting promptly at 8:45 am.

Yours sincerely,



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Join us for the PTA  
**Valentine's bake sale**  
Friday 9th February

The PTA are looking for volunteers to contribute items, bake or help out at our end of half term bake sale.

Any donations are greatly appreciated and would need delivered to reception on the morning of Friday 9th Feb please.

The bake sale will take place in school hours with each class being invited to the hall at selected times. Any remaining stock will be available to purchase after school.

If you're baking or donating can you please provide a list of allergens - no nuts at all! Thank you!!