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

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Dear Cumwhinton School Community,

As we draw the curtains on another week filled with learning, laughter, and countless moments of growth, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every member of our school family. It's with great joy and pride that I can share the highlights of our collective journey, celebrating the achievements, discoveries, and bonds that continue to shape our vibrant community. As the days unfold and our pupils embark on their educational odyssey, guided by dedicated educators and supported by families who champion their every step, I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of leading such a remarkable school.

### **Parent Teacher Association**

I am pleased to share with you that our dedicated Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) earlier this week, and it was a resounding success! This important gathering provided an opportunity for our passionate parents and teachers to come together and discuss key initiatives, share ideas, and make plans for the continued enhancement of our school community. The enthusiasm and commitment displayed during the meeting were truly inspiring, reaffirming the invaluable role our PTA plays in supporting our pupils and school programs. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members of the PTA for their unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of our pupils and strengthening the bond that makes Cumwhinton School such a special place.

### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

I've got some fantastic news to share that'll surely put a smile on your faces! Our incredible Parent Teacher Association has gone above and beyond once again, generously offering to purchase Year 6 Leavers Hoodies as a special gift to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our amazing Year 6 pupils. It's such a heart-warming gesture that truly embodies the spirit of our supportive community. These cozy hoodies, adorned with our school logo, will serve as a cherished memento of their time here at Cumwhinton. And guess what? They'll be ready for our Year 6 superstars to rock after the Easter break! So, let's give a huge round of applause to our PTA for spreading joy and making our Year 6 farewell even more memorable. Here's to celebrating our fantastic pupils and the incredible spirit of generosity that defines our Cumwhinton family!

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

I'm thrilled to share an update on the vibrant array of Extra Curricular Clubs (ECC) happening across our school each week! In our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Miss Anderson, with the support of Mrs. Jenkinson and Miss Dalton, has been igniting culinary creativity in our little ones through the EYFS Little Chefs club. Over in Key Stage 2, Mrs. Moxon has been captivating young minds with the enchanting tale of "Paper Dragon" in our Book Club, while Mrs. Burke has been sparking imaginations and engineering skills in our LEGO club.



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These clubs, along with many others, offer our pupils exciting opportunities for exploration and enrichment beyond the classroom. As we continue to roll out a diverse range of ECC each half term, I encourage our pupils to dive into these experiences with enthusiasm and curiosity, discovering new passions and building lifelong skills along the way.

### **OPAL Bingo**

We want to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every class for their incredible dedication and effort in completing the OPAL Bingo challenge! Your enthusiasm and commitment to this initiative have not gone unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful for the time and energy you have invested in acquiring more resources for our organised play at break times. The creativity and teamwork displayed by all classes throughout this endeavour have been truly inspiring, and we are excited to see the positive impact these additional resources will have on enhancing the play experiences of our pupils. Your support and participation are invaluable as we continue to strive towards creating a dynamic and enriching environment for all our pupils to thrive. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to making Cumwhinton School a place where every child can learn, grow, and play to their fullest potential.

### **School lunches**

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the cost of school meals. Beginning on April 1st, the price of school meals will increase from £2.85 to £2.99 per meal. This decision was made after careful consideration of various factors, including rising food and operational costs. While we understand that any increase in price may pose a challenge for some families, we assure you that we remain committed to providing nutritious and high-quality meals for our pupils. We strive to ensure that our school meals continue to offer value for money while meeting the nutritional needs of our pupils. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we navigate these changes together.

### **School Money – outstanding fees**

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind our school community of the importance of settling any outstanding fees through School Money as soon as possible. Timely payment of fees ensures the smooth operation of our school's financial processes and allows us to continue providing the highest quality education and support to all our pupils. We understand that circumstances may vary, and we are here to assist with any concerns or queries regarding payments. Your cooperation in ensuring prompt payment is greatly appreciated and contributes to the overall success of our school community. Should you require any assistance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **World Book Day**

Get ready to dive into the magical world of literature because on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we're celebrating World Book Day in style! We're inviting all our fantastic children to unleash their creativity and dress up in clothes inspired by their favourite books or book characters. Whether you're channelling the daring adventures of Harry Potter, the whimsical charm of Alice in Wonderland, or the swashbuckling tales of Captain Hook, let your imagination run wild and bring your beloved literary characters to life! It's going to be a day filled with excitement, imagination, and endless storytelling adventures. So, dust off those capes, polish those tiaras, and get ready to step into the pages of your favourite books as we celebrate the magic of reading together!

### **Year 6**

Today marks an incredibly special milestone in the journey of our Year 6 pupils as they received the exciting news of which secondary school they will be attending from September. This momentous occasion is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and resilience throughout their time here at Cumwhinton School. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them for their achievements and the bright futures that lie ahead. As they prepare to embark on this new chapter in their educational journey, let us join together in celebrating their successes and offering our heartfelt congratulations to our Year 6 class. We have no doubt that they will



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continue to shine brightly and make us proud in their new secondary schools. Here's to the incredible achievements of our Year 6 pupils and the exciting adventures that await them!

### **Year 6 and Rose Castle**

We are delighted to share the inspiring news that a group of our Year 6 pupils had the incredible opportunity to participate in work experience at Rose Castle this week as part of our ongoing hospitality partnership. Embracing the spirit of learning and collaboration, these bright young minds joined the housekeeping team at Rose Castle and immersed themselves in the world of hospitality. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and positive attitude were truly commendable, and it was a joy to witness them thrive in this new environment. We are immensely proud of their hard work and determination, and we have no doubt that this experience has enriched their skills and broadened their horizons.

### **Golf Foundation**

We are thrilled to announce that Cumwhinton School has successfully secured a generous grant from the Golf Foundation, resulting in the acquisition of golf equipment valued at an impressive £700! This exciting development opens up a world of opportunities for our children to explore the sport of golf and develop their skills on the green. Under the expert guidance of Mr. Davis and Mr. Bie, we are in the process of planning a dynamic and engaging golf extracurricular club for the upcoming summer term. This club promises to provide our pupils with the chance to learn new techniques, build confidence, and foster a love for the game of golf. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Golf Foundation and eagerly anticipate the launch of this exciting new initiative. Stay tuned for further details on how your child can get involved in this sporty adventure!

### **Easter Church Services**

Just a friendly reminder that our school's Easter Church Services will take place on the 25th and 26th March at St. John's Church in Cotehill. The services will commence at 10:00 AM and are expected to last approximately 45 minutes. These services provide a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter in a meaningful way. We warmly encourage all families to join us for this special event, where we will reflect on the significance of Easter and enjoy moments of togetherness and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely,



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