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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another fantastic week here at Cumwhinton School, I am thrilled to share some highlights of our recent activities and achievements.

It has been a joyous return to school after the Easter break, with students seamlessly transitioning back into their learning routines. Their dedication and determination to excel across all subjects and lessons are truly commendable, reflecting their commitment to continuous progress.

This week, our school had the pleasure of hosting Carlisle United, who provided our children with exceptional football coaching as part of our Physical Education curriculum. The opportunity to engage in high-quality coaching sessions not only enhances our pupils' skills but also promotes teamwork and sportsmanship. Additionally, our Carlisle United football extracurricular club continues to thrive, offering pupils further opportunities to develop their passion for the sport.

In the realm of culinary exploration, our pupils have been busy honing their cooking skills. Year 5 embarked on a flavourful journey with chickpea curry, while our Phunky Food participants crafted delectable pizzas. Furthermore, Year 4 delved into a literary-inspired baking adventure, enjoying delicious cookies baked by Mrs. Burke's daughter as part of their shared text exploration.

Exciting developments are underway as we embark on the journey of designing and building our new classroom. We were delighted to welcome Cubby Construction and Architect Plus for an insightful assembly, where they announced the winners of our poster competition. Congratulations to our five winners, each receiving a £10 book voucher, and to the overall winner, who earned an extensive art set filled with high-quality materials.



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Furthermore, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Cooke as our Senior Teaching Assistant, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise to our school community. Mrs. Cooke will join us on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, enriching our team and contributing to our pupils' success.

We are also excited to welcome Miss Downie, who will be starting her Teaching Assistant Apprentice journey with us on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Her enthusiasm and dedication will undoubtedly enhance the learning experiences of our pupils, and we look forward to her contributions to our school community.

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to all members of the Cumwhinton School community to join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and fundraising at our PTA Spring Fundraiser. Taking place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Wetheral Village Hall, this event promises to be an enjoyable gathering for all ages. We will be hosting exhilarating games of chocolate bingo, where participants can indulge in the excitement of winning delicious chocolate prizes.

To make this event even more memorable, we kindly ask our pupils to join us on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, in non-uniform attire, and bring along chocolate donations. These chocolates will be used to craft fabulous chocolate hampers, which will serve as coveted prizes during our fundraiser. Your participation and support are invaluable in helping us raise funds for our school community, and we look forward to sharing this wonderful occasion with you all.

Lastly, I am delighted to inform you that our Parents' Evening online booking system is now live. Parents and carers can book 10-minute appointments to meet with their child's class teacher(s) and discuss their progress and achievements.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our shared mission of nurturing and empowering every child at Cumwhinton School. Together, we celebrate the achievements of our pupils and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Warm regards,



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