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Dear Cumwhinton School Community,

As we bid farewell to another week filled with learning, growth, and shared experiences, it is with great pleasure that we gather to reflect on the collective achievements and moments that have defined our journey. From the vibrant classrooms to the bustling hallways, the spirit of curiosity and collaboration has continued to flourish, shaping the heart of our educational community. As we look back on the past week's accomplishments, challenges, and celebrations, we are reminded of the resilience, dedication, and unity that make Cumwhinton School an exceptional place of learning. Join us in this reflection as we celebrate the triumphs of our pupils, the unwavering support of our parents, and the commitment of our dedicated staff. Together, we navigate the path of education, fostering a community that embraces curiosity, compassion, and continuous growth.

Elf mischief!

It is with a blend of amusement and festive spirit that we share the news of an unexpected visitor in our midst this Christmas season. A mischievous elf has taken up residence in our school, delighting pupils and staff with a series of playful antics and good-natured mischief. This whimsical character has been spreading joy and laughter as we approach Christmas. While the mischievous escapades may be a source of amusement for all, rest assured that our vigilant staff is keeping a watchful eye on our mischievous visitor to ensure that the academic order remains undisturbed. The antics of our festive friend add a touch of light-hearted cheer to our school environment, creating unforgettable memories for our pupils. As we embrace the spirit of Christmas, we look forward to sharing in the laughter and joy that our mischievous elf brings to our Cumwhinton School community.

Nativity

This week, the Reception class has been diligently honing their artistic talents and teamwork as they dedicated themselves to rehearsing their upcoming nativity performance. The stage has come alive with the vibrant energy and enthusiasm of our youngest learners, who have embraced the festive spirit with grace and joy. Under the guidance of their devoted teachers, the children have showcased commendable dedication, working collaboratively to bring the nativity story to life. Through scripted lines, delightful melodies, and carefully choreographed movements, our Reception class is not only mastering the art of performance but also fostering essential skills such as communication, creativity, and confidence. As we anticipate the forthcoming nativity presentation, we extend our admiration to the young performers and express gratitude to the educators who have cultivated a nurturing environment for their growth and expression. The stage is set, and the Reception class stands poised to deliver a memorable and heart-warming nativity experience for our school community.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to announce that our recent Scholastic Book Fair has culminated in a tremendous success, with the collective efforts of our school community resulting in a remarkable fundraising total of £500. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every individual who contributed to this achievement, particularly through the

enthusiastic purchase of books. Your support not only enriches the literary resources available to our pupils but also fosters a love for reading that is invaluable to their academic and personal development. The £500 raised will play a pivotal role in enhancing our school's library and literary programs, ensuring a vibrant and engaging educational environment for all. Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to promoting literacy within our school community.

Carlisle Dance Academy

It is the last session of our Key Stage 2 CDA ECC club on Monday. Parents of those who attend are invited to come and watch their child perform the dances they have been learning at 4.10pm on Monday (4th).

After Christmas this club is being offered to Reception, year 1 and year 2. Monday evenings 3.30pm to 4.15pm. £15 for 5 sessions. Please contact your child's teacher through seesaw if you wish your child to be considered for this club.

Football team - 7-aside

It is with great pride that we celebrate the commendable performance of our 7-aside football team, who represented Cumwhinton School with exemplary sportsmanship and determination this week. Our footballers exhibited exceptional skills and teamwork on the field, showcasing the results of their dedication and rigorous training. As ambassadors of our school, they embodied the spirit of fair play and demonstrated resilience in the face of competition. A special acknowledgment goes to Mrs. Batey for her steadfast support and encouragement, as well as to the team manager, Tracy, whose guidance and strategic leadership contributed significantly to the team's success. We extend our gratitude to all involved for upholding the values of Cumwhinton School and for being shining examples of excellence both on and off the field.

Mr Bie visiting school

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Bie, our newly appointed Year 3 and Year 6 teacher, will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 6th December. This visit provides a wonderful opportunity for Mr. Bie to familiarise himself with the vibrant learning environment at Cumwhinton School and to extend a warm greeting to both pupils and staff. The day is carefully planned to facilitate introductions, allowing Mr. Bie to engage with the children and collaborate with the teaching staff. We encourage pupils and teachers alike to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Bie, fostering a sense of camaraderie and community that is characteristic of our school ethos. We look forward to this exciting visit, confident that Mr. Bie's presence will contribute positively to the dynamic educational atmosphere at Cumwhinton School.

Christmas magic

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Mooney and the dedicated children from Year 6 for their outstanding efforts in adorning our school with festive cheer this week. Their creativity and enthusiasm have transformed our learning environment into a winter wonderland, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for the entire school community. The meticulous decoration, including the beautifully adorned Christmas tree, reflects not only artistic talent but also a deep commitment to spreading joy during the run up to Christmas. Miss Mooney's guidance and the pupils' collaborative spirit have truly enhanced the festive ambiance of our school, fostering a sense of unity and celebration. As we walk through the adorned hallways and gather in decorated spaces, we are reminded of the importance of community and shared joy. Once again, a sincere thank you to Miss Mooney and the Year 6 students for their invaluable contributions to making Christmas special for us all.

Christmas Service

Nationally schools are facing difficult decisions based around budgets and the challenges faced through the increase in fuel bills, staffing, pay increases and the legacy of spending cuts. As the Headteacher of Cumwhinton School I must make the decisions on how we manage costs and the allocation of funding.

I understand that in previous years the school has booked large indoor and outdoor venues, with a significant cost to the school's budget, this is unsustainable.

As a community school, and being part of the local parish, St John's Church kindly offered to host our Christmas Service at no cost to the school. Their generosity and willingness to support the school has enabled us to lead a service that focuses on the true meaning of Christmas.

I know it will be frustrating for families to have to choose only 1 family member to attend, and I hope my detailed explanation provides the reasons behind our decision to host the Christmas Service at St John's Church.

Christmas Jumper Day

Get ready to deck the halls in Christmas fashion as Friday 8th December, marks our school's Christmas Jumper Day! Pupils and staff alike are invited to embrace the holiday spirit by donning their most cheerful and whimsical Christmas jumpers. This lighthearted tradition not only adds a splash of Christmas colour to our school but also unites us in the joyous anticipation of the upcoming festivities. Let's make this Christmas Jumper Day a memorable celebration by sharing smiles, laughter, and the spirit of giving as we collectively usher in Christmas. Don't forget to bring your festive flair on this joy-filled day of Christmas fashion and fun!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr Stewart
Headteacher