



Newsletter – 27th January 2023

What an eventful couple of weeks!

Last week, Year 6 visited Carlisle library last week and had a wonderful time. They went on a treasure trail around the Library and attended a workshop. It was lovely to hear lots of the children saying, 'I am going to ask my mum / dad to bring me back here!'

On Wednesday afternoon, eight children from Y5 & 6 visited Richard Rose Central to take part in a dodgeball competition against four other local schools. Well done to all who took part, they showed many of our Upperby values and we heard super comments from the staff there about the children's excellent sportsmanship skills.

Yesterday eleven of our gymnasts took part in the County Championships. Our lower junior school team were awarded third place and our upper junior team were awarded second place. One gymnast (Kian) received an individual award – third best in the individual competition. What a fantastic outcome!

Strike Action

As outlined in my letter earlier this week, school will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 1st February 2023. We are hoping to provide packed lunches for anyone who is entitled to free school meals. Please look out for an text outlining details regarding this.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

We will be holding an information evening regarding the upcoming SATs on **Monday 6th February at 5pm.**

All year 6 parents should have received a letter about this earlier this week.

Cost of Living - Support for Families

Cumbria County Council has committed to 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the Councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

[https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default .asp](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp)

News and Star

Did you see us in the News and Star last weekend?

Two reports were published online last outlining our recent Ofsted outcome. It was lovely to see many positive comments from parents. We thank you for your support.

Social Media

Watch this space! We are hoping to go live soon with our new Facebook and Instagram pages, to share all the wonderful things that we get up to in school.



Parent Meetings

We will be holding parent meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February.

All other year groups will take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March.

All appointments can be booked through Parentmail. You will receive a link either by text or email nearer the time.



Parking

Please be considerate when parking. We have seen several cases where parents are parking on the zigzags outside of school and have also had reports of people parking dangerously on corners. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

The Rock

The Rock Youth project host weekly coffee mornings and / or cooking classes. They also host baby events and have quite a lot of clothes, bottles, baby essentials and some bigger items to give away to those that need them, so it is certainly worth getting in contact with them if you feel this would help you. You can contact them on **01228 549155**, **07704973920** or by e mail info@therockyouthproject.co.uk

Dogs on School Premises

We would like to remind parents that dogs/ puppies are not permitted on the school premises.

This is a health and safety issue.





Birthdays

Happy birthday to all who have had a birthday this week. We hope you had a lovely day!

Breana, Bobby, Denver, Lily, Samuel, Warren, Joshua and Maddison

Well done to our winners this week!

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
		
Sunbeams	Thomas H	Stanley H
Rainbows	Jake S	Harry H
Neverland (Y1)	Niall D	Josh S
Emerald City (Y2)	Frankie F	Rose F
Camelot (Y2)	Jackson C	Logan M
Fantasia (Y3)	Joshua W	Archie C
Gondor (Y3)	Daniel P	Aimee-Lou P
Atlantis (Y4)	James S	Laycie A
Te-fiti (Y4)	Jayce F	Amelie S
Cosmos (Y5)	Cieron H	Maddison J
Eternia (Y5)	Lois N	Drew M
Gotham City (Y6)	Olivia F	William B
Hogwarts (Y6)	Taylor S	Laython C

Vacancy - Cleaner

The Governors and Head Teacher are looking to appoint a Temporary Cleaner to join our team as soon as possible, with the potential to make this post permanent.

Previous experience is preferred but not essential.

You can find out more about this vacancy and how to apply by [clicking here](#).

Attendance

The overall attendance for this academic year is – 91.7%

The overall attendance for this week is – 94.23%

This weeks class attendance winners are – Emerald City and Atlantis

Diary Dates

31 st January	Audiology checks for reception * <i>date changed</i> *
1 st February	Strike day – school closed to all pupils
6 th February	Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting – 5pm Mental Health Week
7 th February	Safer Internet Day Multi-skills Competition Y3 & 4
14 th February	Y2 trip to Holme Head House Y3 Stay & Read session for parents - 9am
15 th February	Y4 Stay & Read session for parents - 9am Neverland Assembly in school hall 2.30pm Y2 & 6 Parent Meetings – book your appointment via ParentMail
16 th February	Y4 trip to Sands Centre to watch Demon Dentist Y2 & 6 Parent Meetings – book your appointment via ParentMail
17 th February	French Day – children may dress up Children finish for February half-term
27 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	Proposed strike day
1 st March	Y1 trip to Carlisle Cathedral
2 nd March	World Book Day
8 th March	Parent Meetings N, R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 – book your appointment via ParentMail
9 th March	Parent Meetings N, R, Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 – book your appointment via ParentMail
10 th March	Y5 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents
15 th March	Proposed strike day
16 th March	Proposed strike day
22 nd March	Y5 trip to Beamish
27 th March	Y5 Cycle Wise sessions begin for the week Scholastic Book Fair – further details to follow
29 th March	Y3 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents Easter discos
31 st March	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnets competition, KS2 Easter Egg competition Children finish for Easter break (normal finishing time)
17 th April	Start of summer term Y4 Residential to York
25 th April	Y4 Stay & Read session 9am for parents
27 th April	Y6 information meeting re. Y6 residential to Edinburgh – 5pm
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday
9 th May	Y6 start SATs Week
24 th May	Y3 year group assembly for parents Y5 Stay & Read session for parents * <i>date changed</i> *
26 th May	Children finish for half-term
5 th June	Children return to school Y6 Residential to Edinburgh
7 th June	Y5 year group assembly for parents 2.30pm start
9 th June	Y3 residential to Kingswood
12 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 & Y2)
14 th June	Y4 year group assembly in the hall for parents
19 th July	End of academic year (normal finishing time)