



## Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Strike Action

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action during February and March. The following dates may affect schools in Carlisle are –

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Partial or full closure on these dates may be an option for Upperby Primary School, but as yet this is not clear. However, I wanted to let you know as soon as possible, as you may need to consider alternative childcare arrangements on these dates.

Whilst as a school we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association / union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

I have several meetings planned in the next few days to gain clarity on the situation. Following this, I aim to give parents a weeks' notice, regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

### After School Clubs

School clubs started this week and what a fantastic time the children had! There are still some spaces left. Places can be booked on Scopay.

Spring term 1 clubs started last Monday. Each club costs 50p per week.

Spring term 1 clubs (16th Jan until 13th Feb)

- Year 5 & 6 Table Tennis Club, Friday
- Year 5 & 6 Science Club, Monday
- Year 1 Book Club, Monday
- Reception Craft Club, Monday

Spring term 2 clubs (27th Feb until 27th March)



- Year 3 & 4 Hockey Club, Tuesday
- Year 5 & 6 Netball Club, Monday
- Year 3 & 4 Book Club, Thursday
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Dance Club, Monday



### Cost of Living - Support for Parent / Carers and their families

Cumbria County Council has committed '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>

Well done to our winners this week!

	Star of the Week	Reader of the Week
		
Sunbeams	Harry	
Rainbows	Logan Lee-Berry	
Neverland (Y1)	Caden	Frankie
Emerald City (Y2)	Anna	Ollie O
Camelot (Y2)	Holly	Elliot
Fantasia (Y3)	Daisy	Felipe
Gondor (Y3)	Aliscia	George
Atlantis (Y4)	James	Layton
Te-fiti (Y4)	Paige	Lilly
Cosmos (Y5)	Aidan	Nathaniel
Eternia (Y5)	Joseph	Hope
Gotham City (Y6)	Cerys	Freddy
Hogwarts (Y6)	Lucy	Kingsley



### Birthdays

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

James, Kingsley, Maiya, Teddy and George



**Baby BRUNCH**

*Coffee, cake, & essentials to help you and your baby through the cost of living crisis.*

Friday 27th Jan  
11am - 1pm

- Free hot & cold Drinks
- Pick up Baby essentials
- Toiletries and self care
- Fill up on Brunch

**The Rock Youth Project**  
Scalegate Road, Currock CA2 4JY

To attend you MUST reserve a space by contacting  
Vickie@therockyouthproject.co.uk

### Parental Engagement

Working effectively with parents/carers is a crucial aspect of our work in school and contributes greatly to the success of our school.

Throughout the rest of the academic year, you will be invited to a Stay and Read session, a Stay and Play session and a class / year group assembly. These will be added to the Diary Dates below over the next week or so, if they are not already on.

We look forward to seeing you in school.



## Diary Dates

25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 & 6 Dodgeball Competition
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Gymnastics County Championships
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Audiology checks for reception
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Mental Health Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
	Multi-skills Competition Y3 & 4
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Stay & Read session at 9am for parents
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Stay & Read session at 9am for parents
	Neverland Assembly in school hall 2.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 trip to Sands Centre to watch Demon Dentist
17 <sup>th</sup> February	French Day – children may dress up
	Children finish for February half-term
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y1 trip to Carlisle Cathedral
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5 trip to Beamish
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Cycle Wise sessions begin for the week
	Scholastic Book Fair – further details to follow
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents
	Y5 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Children finish for Easter break (normal finishing time)
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of summer term
	Y4 Residential to York
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Stay & Read session 9am for parents
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 information meeting re. Y6 residential to Edinburgh – 5pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Additional Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 start SATs Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 year assembly in the hall, parents welcome at 2.30pm
	Y5 Stay & Read session for parents
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Children finish for half-term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
	Y6 Residential to Edinburgh
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check Week
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 year group assembly in the hall for parents at 2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of academic year (normal finishing time)