

# Newsletter - Friday 17th March 2023



Upperby Primary School

## This Week

We missed the hustle and bustle of normal school life on Wednesday and Thursday this week. However, looking back, we managed to fit a lot into just three days!

On Monday Year 5 were visited by NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) where they talked about the Easter Story. This was a really enjoyable afternoon for all.

On Tuesday our choir took part in the Carlisle Choir Festival. They performed two songs extremely well. Whilst they did not win a prize on this occasion, all staff were immensely proud of them. A huge well done!

Tuesday evening we held a parents' meeting for our upcoming Year 4 residential to York - thank you to the parents who attended (further information below).

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day. Children came dressed in red and we talked about the meaning of Comic Relief. We raised a fantastic £177. Thank you for your contributions for this very worthy cause.





## Stay and Play/Read Sessions

We have a few Stay and Play/ Read sessions over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing you!

- Thursday 23rd March - Year 1 Stay and Read in the School Hall at 2.40pm
- Friday 24th March - Year 6 Stay and Place (both classes) - 2.30pm
- Wednesday 29th March - Year 3 Stay and Play Session at 9am

## Reception Trip Reschedule

The reception trip to the care home has been rescheduled to the 24th and 25th April. This is due to the current high number of chicken pox cases.

## Walk to School Week



We will be taking part in Walk to School Week for the next two weeks **20th March - 31st March 2023**.

This is an annual challenge that aims to encourage more children to walk, scooter or cycle as a form of exercise. Walking, scootering or cycling to school each day, allows your child to reach their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day — this is even before the day is started!

We realise that this may not always be possible every day, but taking part just two or three times a week can make such a difference.

## Easter Activities





On **Wednesday 29th March** we will be hosting Easter discos in the school hall at the following times:

- EYFS - morning
- Y1, Y2, Y3 - afternoon
- Y4, Y5, Y6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm (a Google form will be sent out next week regarding collection)

Children may come dressed in their own clothes on this day and will be given refreshments.

We kindly ask for a contribution of £2 per child, which can be paid via Scopay.

On our final day of this term **Friday 31st March**, we will be holding our annual Easter competitions.

EYFS & KS1 - Easter bonnet competition

KS2 - decorate an Easter egg competition

We have been amazed with past entries, so look forward to seeing what children produce this year!

**This week, we are celebrating the achievements of...**





#### STARS OF THE WEEK and READERS OF THE WEEK

(Sunbeams) - Gabriella & Harry

(Rainbows) - Junior & Darcy

(Neverland) - Megan & Isla

(Emerald City) - Jay & Jack

(Camelot) - Alice & Emmie

(Fantasia) - Lukas & Caleb

(Gondor) - Millie & Louis

(Atlantis) - Cairon & Evie

(Te-Fiti) - Ollie & Olly

(Cosmos) - Kofi-Ray & Luis

(Eternia) - Betsy & Joshua

(Gotham City) - Amber & Amelia

(Hogwarts) - Leon & Millie

## Birthdays



Happy birthday to all who have had a birthday this week.

We hope you had a lovely day!

Georgia-Grace, Jack F-C and Jay L

## Attendance Award



Each week, we check our attendance for each class across school and celebrate our class with the highest percentage.

After the Easter break we will be changing this slightly. We will be celebrating **attendance over 97%** in all of our classes. The class with the highest percentage in Early Years / KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 for the previous week will be announced as the winners! The children in these winning classes will then be awarded with an extra 10 minutes of break-time.

At the end of each half term, the classes with the highest amount of weekly wins will receive a half-term treat. The children will vote for this treat, but it can include activities such as a film afternoon, a sports afternoon or an art afternoon.

**Our winning class this week is - Emerald City (97.98%)**

Well done - we are very proud of you!



Please remember if your child is unwell - call the office as soon as possible and leave a voicemail on our absence line.

**School starts at 8.45am. We expect all children to be in class ready to learn at this time.**

## Year 4 Residential Trip

We held a parents' meeting for our upcoming York residential last Tuesday evening. Mr Garratt shared the itinerary and kit list. To view the presentation, [click on this link](#).

Further information will follow next week.

If you have any questions, please contact school.



## Easter Holiday Activities

Active Cumbria are pleased to support Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

You can search a wide range of exciting activities running during the school holidays to find something that is right for your child. Many include physical activities and games to help keep active in the holidays.

All the activities are free for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals and other eligible children in particular circumstances, and they will also receive a lunchtime meal.

Some activities are available to all children, but there may be a cost - please check the details for each activity.

[Holiday Activity Leaflet Carlisle.pdf \(activecumbria.org\)](#)



## Chicken Pox

We are currently experiencing a high number of chicken pox cases within school. Chicken pox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.

Some symptoms to look out for are small spots that become blisters, but also a high temperature, aches and pains, loss of appetite and generally feeling unwell.

If your child develops chicken pox they will need to stay away from school until all the spots have formed a scab, this usually takes 5 days.

## Breakfast and After School Club



We have an amazing Breakfast and After School Club which runs daily during term time.

Breakfast club is open from 7.50am and is priced at £3 per child per day. Each child will be given some healthy breakfast ready for the day ahead.

After School Club is open until 6pm and is priced at £6 per child per day. Every child will be given a small snack followed by a fun activity.

Places can be booked via ScoPay, however please note that these are limited. If you would like some more information, please contact the school office.

## Careers Fair

We will be holding a careers fair for our Year 6 pupils in June. Do you have an exciting career that you would be willing to share with our pupils?



If not, do you know someone who you feel would be excellent at speaking to groups of children at our careers fair? If so, please contact our school on 01228 815460.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school on the 27th March. There will be lots of brilliant books to purchase for your children to enjoy. More information will follow.



## Other information

**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.

**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.

**Packed Lunch** - It is great to see so many children coming to school with a really healthy packed lunch. If you are sending your child to school with grapes, for safety reasons, we ask that these are cut in half.

**PE Reminder** - A reminder that hair must be tied back and jewellery removed (including earrings) for all PE lessons. If your child is unable to remove and insert their own stud earrings, we suggest that these stay at home on PE days. We thank you for your support with this.

## Upcoming Dates



**20th March** - Y3 & 4 Football

**22nd March** - Y5 trip to Beamish

**23rd March** - Year 1 Stay and Read in the School Hall – 2.40pm

**24th March** - Year 6 Stay and Play (Both Classes) - 2.30pm

**27th March** - Y5 Cycle Wise sessions begin for the week

**27th March** - Scholastic Book Fair – further details to follow

**29th March** - Y3 Stay & Play session at 9am for parents

**29th March** - Easter discos

**31st March** - EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnets competition, KS2 Easter Egg competition

**31st March** - Children finish for Easter break (normal finishing time)

**17th April** - Start of summer term

**17th April** - Y4 Residential to York

**19th April** - Y5 start swimming sessions

**24th April** - Reception trip to the Care Home (half year group)

**25th April** - Y4 Stay & Play session 9am for parent

**25th April** - Reception trip to the Care Home (half year group)

**26th April** - Y4 start swimming sessions

**27th April** - Y6 information meeting re. Y6 residential to Edinburgh – 5pm

**1st May** - Bank Holiday

**8th May** - Additional Bank Holiday

**9th May** - Y6 start SATs Week

**24th May** - Y3 year group assembly for parents

**24th May** - Y5 Stay & Read session for parents

**26th May** - Children finish for half-term

**5th June** - Children return to school

**5th June** - Y6 Residential to Edinburgh

**7th June** - Y5 year group assembly for parents 2.30pm start

**9th June** - Y3 residential to Kingswood

**12th June** - Phonics Screening Check Week (Y1 & Y2)

**13th June** - Y6 start swimming sessions

**14th June** - Y4 year group assembly in the hall for parents

**15th June** - Y6 Careers Fair

**23rd June** - Class Photo Day

**26th June** - Sports Week

**3rd July** - Y5 Residential to Coniston

**10th July** - Sports Day EYFS & KS1 - Morning      Y3 & 4 – Afternoon

**11th July** - Sports Day Y5 & 6 - Morning

**12th July** - Back-up Sports Day for EYFS, KS1, Y3 & Y4

**13th July** - Back-up Sports Day for Y5 & 6

**18th July** - Y6 End of Year Performance at 2pm for Parents      Y6 Festival 4.30 – 6pm

**19th July** - End of academic year (normal finishing time)

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