



NEWSLETTER

Well done everyone on a brilliant first performance!

We had so many wonderful compliments after the children's Performance of Aladdin yesterday. They really did sing their hearts out and were almost word perfect! We are looking forward to our final performance tomorrow.

FOLS - Thank you!

A big thank you to the FOLS committee who have once again organised refreshments and the raffle for the performances as well as lots of other events during the year. A big thank you to Vicky Pearman who is stepping down as Chairperson. We will definitely need some new members in the Spring – more information next term.

School Meals

There is a new menu for January; taking into account parents and children's feedback. Please remember to order meals for the first week back in good time and by Wednesday 1st January at the latest. Wendy will be checking it a few days before we start back.

School drop –off arrangements

Having a member of staff on the gate in the morning seems to be working and has certainly reduced the number of cars parking on the zig-zags. Please let us know if you have any feedback.

'Absents' and 'Lates'

Just a couple of reminders. School doors open at 8.50 with register at 8.55am, and by 9am we are getting on with the day, either in phonics and spelling groups or assembly. If children arrive late, then not only are they missing out on learning and hearing the initial instructions to the class, but it also disrupts the learning of others. Can you please make every effort to be punctual next term. Also, a reminder that if your child is absent, we need a phone call on the first day of absence. We cannot just accept the word of another child's parent or other children. Thank you!

High Newton Friendship Club – intergenerational Christmas party

Year 3&4 had a great time with the older members of the community at High Newton last week. The children sung carols and enjoyed party games. Well done on being such caring and confident ambassadors for the school.

Boxes of Hope – Romania

It was lovely to be able to give a large number of shoe boxes to needy children in Romania. I believe that they are already on their way – look out for updates on facebook 'Boxes of Hope Cumbria'.

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Trainee teachers

Thank you to Mrs Stephenson who has been training with us all this term and has become very much part of the team, helping out with the play and lots of other things in school. After the holidays we have Miss Long joining us for the Spring Term.

Clubs next term

There will be no clubs (apart from After School Club) the first week back.

Reception Places for September

Please remember to apply by 15th January for a Reception place for your child in September. We also have Nursery places available for children from their 3rd birthday.

Have a peaceful and restful Christmas!

From all the staff at school

Dates for your diary and information:

Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children fund - £1 please
Wednesday 18 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas performance evening
Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas parties
Friday 20 th December	School finishes for Christmas at 2pm
Tuesday 7 th January	Spring Term begins
Wednesday 15 th January	Deadline for Reception applications