



NEWSLETTER

We have had a busy start to our second half term. It has been so lovely to see the children enjoying the specials days we have organised. The countdown to Christmas is fast approaching and we have now put some dates in the diary for fun Christmas activities for the children to look forward to!

Harvest

We raised £29.35 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and all your food donations were taken to the food bank. Thank you again for supporting these charities.

Boxes of Hope

Thank you for all of your donations for Boxes of Hope Cumbria. We had 20 boxes donated (see photo). These were picked up last week and we hope they will bring some smiles to the faces of the children who receive them.

Remembrance

On 11th November, we held our Remembrance Service in school. The children read some poems and prayers and we had a 2 minute silence to remember those who fought in the wars. The children laid down crosses to help us remember the local soldiers. Everybody in school painted a remembrance pebble; to place around school.



Children in Need

We loved the children's spotty and yellow outfits for Children in Need! Key Stage 2 enjoyed some Children in Need themed Maths and Art, and Reception and Key Stage 1 had lots of fun doing some Joe Wicks PE! We had so many entries for our colour Pudsey competition! Thank you for your generosity – we raised £109.80 for Children in Need.

Parliament Week

Year 5 and 6 had an excellent Parliament Week. They had an online parliament workshop where they learnt all about parliament. They came up with some great questions to ask Tim Farron during our online Q&A session. Tim has taken some of their suggestions and passed them onto the council already! As part of Parliament Week, year 5 and 6 have been talking about the impact of glitter on the environment. It is great to see our children so passionate about protecting our world!

Parking

For the safety of everybody, please can we remind parents not to park on the zigzags outside of school. If you are not leaving the car when dropping off with Miss Allen then this is fine. Please can parents not leave the car on the zig zags to take their children into school. Thank you. While the Village Hall is closed, we have been given permission for parents to park in their car park and walk their children up to school.

Pick up and drop off

We would like to remind parents to social distance in the playground and when leaving the school premises. This is especially important at the moment during the second lockdown and we are working together with parents to keep everybody safe.

We operate a voluntary one way system where parents drive down the hill; this helps to prevent cars meeting and keeps our families safe as they are walking to school. We would really appreciate it if all parents could drive down the hill between 8:30 – 9:15am and 2:45 – 3:30. Thank you.

Anti-bullying Week

This week was anti-bullying week. All classes have been doing activities revolved around this.

Christmas Cards

The children always love handing out Christmas cards so this is something we really want to continue this year. In line with our covid procedures, children can bring in Christmas cards on Mondays; these will then be quarantined for the week and handed out on Fridays. We will start this on Monday 30th November. If cards are brought in on a different day, we will ask the children to take them home until the following Monday. The last day they can bring cards into school is Monday 14th December. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity

We have organised our Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity for Tuesday 15th December at 10am. We are working out the details of how to share this with you and parents will receive more information soon.

Christmas dinners

On Wednesday 16th December, you can order a Christmas dinner for your child. These can be ordered via Parent Pay; all orders should be made by midnight on Wednesday 9th December. If you would like to order the vegetarian option (nut roast), please select turkey and then let Mrs Wood know that you would like the nut roast.

Parties

We have organised our parties this term for Wednesday 16th December. On this day, your child can come to school in their party clothes.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are once again taking part in Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children on Friday 11th December. Your child can wear a Christmas Jumper and bring £1 to donate to Save the Children.

Illnesses

As long as your child or anybody in their household are not experiencing symptoms of Covid-19, they can still come to school. Please keep your child at home if they or a member of their household have a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell. As always with any illnesses, please let the office know if your child is not going to be in school. If you have been contacted by Test and Trace regarding your child having close contact with a positive case, they should isolate at home and you should let school know.

End of Term

On Friday 18th December school will close early for the Christmas holidays. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will finish at 2pm. Year 3,4,5 & 6 will finish at 2:10pm. Fun Club will continue until 5:30pm. School reopens on Tuesday 5th January.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Curwen

Dates for your diary and information:

Monday 30 th November	Nasal flu immunisation
Monday 30 th November	Children can bring in Christmas cards on Mondays from this date.
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Monday 14 th December	Last day for Christmas cards
Tuesday 15 th December	Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity 10am (on Teams)
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day.
Wednesday 16 th December	Class parties
Friday 18 th December	School finishes for the end of term. Fun Club as usual until 5:30pm. Reception, year 1 & 2: 2pm finish Year 3, 4, 5 & 6: 2:10pm finish
Tuesday 5 th January	Return to school