



Cumberland Newsletter

July 2018



Dates for your diary:

INSET days for next year – Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October, Friday 15th February, Friday 24th May and Friday 28th June

WE DO NOT HAVE A TRAINING DAY ON THE 3rd SEPTEMBER

First day of term is Monday 3rd September – 8.50am

Remember our Family Picnic tomorrow starting at 1.00pm. If you are not able to come please send in a packed lunch for your child – we have ordered a piece of pizza for every child to have at 12.00pm, but they will also need something to eat at 1.00pm with everyone else.

Where has this year gone? We cannot believe how quickly time has passed and that it is time to say goodbye to the Year 2 children and their families. We will miss you all and this year particularly we are sad to lose several families who have been with us for over ten years. We hope that you will keep in touch and let us know how the children are doing.

Thank you for the very positive responses to our end of year questionnaire that many of you completed at the recent Parents' Evening. It is good to see that your children enjoy being at Cumberland and that you would recommend us to other parents.

As well as children, we are also saying goodbye to several members of staff, Mr Haggan and Miss Gilmore who have been working in Year R this year. Mrs Wheeler who has been supporting children in Year 2 for a number of years and finally Mrs Lindsey who has decided it is time to move on to pastures new after nine years with us. We wish them all the very best and thank them all for their hard work and support during their time with us. Mrs Reid will also be leaving us as a fulltime class teacher, as Mrs Allen will be covering Miss Ozanne's maternity leave from September, but happily we will still see Mrs Reid as she will continue to do supply cover for us next year.

Next term we will be welcoming four new classroom support members of staff. Miss Abraham, Mrs Cherrett and Mrs Agha will be joining the Year R team and Mr Cronen will be working in the Labradoodles with Mrs Herbert.

Summer Fayre

Thank you for all your donations and particularly those parents who gave up time to help prepare for the Fayre and run stalls. Without their help the Fayre could not take place, as we do not have enough staff to man the stalls. Any feedback to improve next year is appreciated as this is a real fundraiser for the school and helps us to keep the prices down that you pay for trips and pay for visitors to school. I am delighted to say that this year we have made just over £1000 profit, which is the most we have ever made.

A big thank you to the Estate Agents Lawson Rose who helped advertise the Fayre and donated a year's family entrance ticket to Blue Reef Aquarium for the raffle.

Volunteering in school

We would like to also thank those parents and grandparents who have given up time each week to hear children read or support in the classroom playing games. This time is very valuable to us, as we use it to support children who may not get the chance to read at home and has had a big impact on the end of year outcomes for them. We are losing three parents this year who have helped for the last two years or more, so if anyone is able to spare an hour or so every week it would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance

We would also like to thank Lawson Rose for buying the £10 book vouchers that we present to the children with 100% attendance this year. Sadly overall attendance is down this year with us only just reaching the 96% mark, so we are only just at last years national level. We have ten children with attendance below 90% which makes them Persistent Absentees and have asked the Local Authority to issue Penalty Notices to two families for taking holidays when their child's attendance was below the 90% mark.

Lunchtimes

The current Lunchtime Menu will continue in September so there is need to complete a new form, unless you wish to change your child's options next term.

Finally..... we wish you all a happy summer break. For those of you in Years R and 1 we will see you in September and for Year 2, it has been a pleasure having you at Cumberland and wish you all the very best for the future.