



# Cumberland Newsletter

October 2018



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – ‘Odd Sock Day’ – see details in this letter  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – 3.30pm – 7.00pm Family Photos (letter previously sent with details)  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need non-uniform day – donations please  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – 9.00am – Meeting to discuss fundraising for school  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – am Children’s Nasal Flu – consent form will be sent out  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – 9.00am - School Nurse drop-in – contact office for appointment  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Decoration Making Day  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – In-school Christmas Shopping Day – details to follow  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.00am - School Nurse drop-in – contact office for appointment  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Performances Dress Rehearsals  
Year 2 – 9.30am, Year 1 – 11.00am and Year R – 1.45pm  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.30am Year R Christmas Performance  
1.45pm Year 1 Christmas Performance  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.30am Year 2 Christmas Performance  
1.45pm Year R Christmas Performance  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Performance  
1.45pm Year 2 Christmas Performance  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day.  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Last Day of Term – finish at 3.15pm  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – First Day of Term back to school at 8.50am

## School Closed for Staff Training:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Details about Christmas activities will be sent out to you over the next few weeks. We offer two tickets per child for the Nativity Play and have a limit of 60 people per session. There is a ballot for spare tickets if people don’t take up their quota.

## Odd Sock Day

At Cumberland we use our Learning Values to help children understand how making the wrong choices in their behaviour can impact on others. Behaviour in school is very good and we celebrate this daily through our use of the Smiley Face system in Year R and Reward Times in Years 1 and 2. As part of our work we also help the children learn what to do if someone’s behaviour is upsetting them. National Anti-Bullying week runs from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and during that week we will be using this years theme of ‘Respect’ in our assemblies. To start the week off we would like to invite the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. To find out more, visit the Anti-bullying Alliance website at [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org)

## Data Protection

Thank you to all of you who have completed the Data Protection Forms sent out last half term. Due to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which became law earlier in the year, one of the things we have to have permission from parents for, is to allow the school or other parents to film or take pictures of children in school events, for example, Christmas Performances and Sports Days. At the moment all parents in Year R have given their consent so we will be able to film their Nativity, as will parents attending the performances. However, there are parents in Year 1 and Year

2 who for safeguarding reasons, have not given permission for their child to be filmed and under the law we are not allowed to exclude these children from taking part. Therefore, Year 1 and Year 2s performances will not be filmed this year and people attending will not be able to film them. This is the parents right and we support their decision. If members of the audience try to film, we will have to stop the performance and may have to ask them to leave, which would be very upsetting for their child. There will be an opportunity to take individual photographs of your child at the end of the performance.

### **Disco**

A big thank you to the parents who helped at our recent Disco, we would not be able to run them without their help. Once again it was very successful and the children seemed to enjoy themselves. We raised £350 for school funds and collected £143 for Sebbys Great South Run in aid of the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association

### **Poppy Appeal**

We have been contacted by the local British Legion to collect on behalf of this charity. We thought we were getting just poppies but a box has arrived with poppies, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, snap rulers and wrist bands. Mrs Naylor will be in the playground over the next couple of weeks before and after school if you would like to make a donation.

### **Lost Property**

Our pile of Lost Property continues to grow, so if your child has lost anything please look in the box outside Mrs Naylor's room. To help us return items to you, please ensure that coats, jumpers etc. have your child's name clearly marked on the label.

### **PE Kits**

Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school, as all children have a session of PE at least once a week. Y1 and Y2 often have PE sessions outside with the coaches that come into school and therefore, also need a pair of trainers/plimsolls, leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a tracksuit top.

### **Happiest School in Hampshire**

We were thrilled just before half term, to find out that we were the 'happiest school in Hampshire' according to the Families On-line Magazine. Thank you to those of you who shared this information on Facebook.

### **Fundraising Meeting – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00am to 9.30am in the staffroom.**

As a school we fundraise through our Discos, Summer Fayre and Christmas Shopping Day and use this money to pay for visitors i.e. Year 1 Circus Skills Day and to subsidise trips. We are open to new ideas for example someone has suggested a Quiz Night. To make these events a success we rely on parents helping out, so this meeting will be mainly about organising the Christmas Shopping Day, but also discussing any other suggestions you might have. The Christmas Shopping Day help is mainly sorting out donations before the day and then helping children to buy their gifts on the Friday. We also hold a sale after school from 3.15pm to 4.15pm of items that are left over, cakes and a raffle and appreciate help at this time too.

Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting, even if you can't help with the event. If you can't make the meeting, but have any fundraising suggestions or can help out, please email Mrs Naylor on [head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:head@cumberland.portsmouth.sch.uk)