



# **CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL & Little Cumberland Pre-School**

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Dear parents/carers

It has been a fantastic start to the second half of the Autumn term. The children and staff have returned to Cumberland Infants and Little Cumberland Pre-School with lots of energy and curiosity!

The Pre-School have been enjoying the outside freedom with their new fence. YR are asking so many questions about their new project, 5,4,3,2,1...Blast Off! and are loving the inside rocket! Y1 are really enjoying being historians and finding out about The Great Fire of London in 1666. Y2 have been so busy, stirring, sieving and mixing, yesterday the school smelt of yummy biscuits!

## **School Disco success**

For the school, the end of term disco was a huge success and it was wonderful to watch the children have so much fun, once they got used to being at a disco! Thank you to all parents who helped, we couldn't have done it without you.

## **School parent's evening/afternoons**

Just a reminder if you have not completed the google form yet to attend parent's evening/afternoon please do as soon as possible. Your child will bring home a paper slip informing you of your appointment time by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. You will have an opportunity to see your child's learning and discuss the progress of your child. For some of you this will be the first time inside Cumberland. Please wear your mask and keep your distance from others while inside the building. Your appointment is ten minutes please respect this and assist the teachers in keeping to the ten minute appointment times.

## **Wilding project – Crowdfunder**

Thank you so much for your generosity as we have reached our £6000 target. There are only two days left and we now have a stretch target of £7500. If we reach this they will match another £2500 which could mean staff could have beach training and develop opportunities to connect with nature even further within our curriculum. Please keep spreading the word to encourage donations.

## **Remembrance Day**

This week, the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and have been busy making poppies which will start to go up on our railings and in our windows. Assembly today will be based on Remembrance Day and Cumberland will fall silent at 11am on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Today after school and on Thursday and Friday there will be an opportunity to buy poppies and snap bands for a small donation.

## **Lost property**

We have moved our lost property box to just inside the main entrance. Please do come and rummage for anything your child/children have lost. Can we also ask that you regularly check your child's clothes remain named as labels seem to be falling off and names have faded too.

## **Studybugs - electronic register and children picking their own lunch**

Monday saw the start of the children electronically registering themselves on their class smartboard. The children now pick their own lunch so please talk to them each morning about this. It is definitely giving them a voice and choice.

If you haven't already, please download the Study bugs App to report your child's absence. <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

## **Diwali day**

On Friday the children will be taking part in a Diwali day which will involve a dance workshop. The children can come to school in colourful clothes instead of school uniform.

## **Library**

On our INSET day last term, we moved our library so when you enter school you are surrounded by books. If anybody has any bean bags or rugs they no longer want please donate them to school. We are keen to make some wooden seating and we were wondering if any parents are keen carpenters to assist in making some seating areas in our library?

We have numerous books which I will place on the benches by the black gate on Methuen Road. Please help yourself next week for a small donation.

## **Tapestry**

Please regularly check your child's Tapestry account as it keeps you informed of your child's learning and teachers will communicate at times through Tapestry. This week Mrs Dilger our English lead, posted a leaflet to support you in helping your child to read.

### **Website**

We are often adding to our website so please do check it regularly. Our service children have been very busy recently with Mrs Hedges which is showcased on our website.

### **E-Safety**

As part of our Relationship and Health Education this week, your child has been learning about being safe on the internet. Please talk to your child about how to be safe when on any technology.

We greatly appreciate how you are continuously working in partnership with us.

Mrs Herbert and the Cumberland Team