



CUMBERLAND INFANT SCHOOL & Little Cumberland Pre-School

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Dear parents/carers

With such a short half term ahead of us and with so much going on at Cumberland it is hard to know where to begin. It has been a fantastic few weeks back from the Easter holidays and all the children's learning has been wowing me!

I cannot wait to be the judge of YR's Cumberland Garden Show this Friday at 2.15pm when YR parents are welcomed into school for the children's project outcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children's seeds growing in the Tapestry post.

I am fortunate enough to be joining some of the Dolphin class in their project outcome, visiting Seaview Care Home to sing a kindness song and to share their kindness messages.

Year Two are constantly wowing me with their perseverance and progress in reading, writing and maths and they have been enjoying visiting special places such as the Rose Garden and St Margaret's church.

Learning at home

I would like to congratulate all the children who completed their Maths Bingo Challenge, all should now have received their prize. There will be a third and final Bingo Challenge sent out before half term via email.

There are three children in Year One who have managed to read 200 books this year and on Friday, in our Achievement Assembly they received a book token to celebrate. Keep reading everyone.

We are currently migrating to a new management system in the office so please bear with us, such as the change to Education City. Each child should now have received a new login and password which may be in their book bag.

Crowdfunder Wilding Project

The children are really enjoying feeling, looking and smelling the new plants in the quiet/sensory area that were planted by the wilding club, a huge thank you goes out to all parents and children who were involved. All families are welcome to the next Wilding club meet on Sunday 22nd May. It was lovely to see grandparents, siblings and children who have moved onto Junior school at the last meeting.

The last two meetings of the Summer Term are:

Sunday 26th June and Sunday 17th July.

On Friday at 3pm some of the Crowdfunder team will be in the playground for you to discuss any ideas you have to support the Wilding club to improve the school grounds.

A message from the Wilding Club

The planning phase for the Cumberland Infant Wilding project is now underway.

We would really value your views on what you would like to see in the school grounds and how you think it will benefit the children and community.

Please follow the link below and let us know your thoughts on what you'd like to see in the school grounds before the end of May:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3bu3HIVq6NI8VW2wFyn-uexFfdXLWBU57lhhNNu__wZmWbw/viewform

Many thanks!

Cumberland Wilding Club

Website

Just before Easter, we had a visit from a parent whose child left us last year who is rowing across the Atlantic. On our home page there are some photographs of the very special outdoor assembly, please take a look. If you would like to design a picture to do with Portsmouth, I can send it to Kevin Watkins who is running a competition for a children's design to be added to the rudder to remind the crew of

their home. We have also updated our Curriculum overviews, the safeguarding page and we are regularly updating our policies on the website too. It is an excellent way to keep informed and updated on life at Cumberland.

P.E

Please could you ensure your child has their red P.E t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers that fit. On P.E days please ensure your child does not wear earrings and has their hair tied back for safety. During the rest of the year, I am hoping for different sporting opportunities for some children and this starts this week with a Year 1 girls football festival and Y2 hockey festival. During these events, only a few children will be selected. All children will have an opportunity to experience a wide range of sports during our sports week which starts on Monday 11th July and ends on Friday 15th July with Sports Day.

Athletics after school taster

There is an opportunity for some children to try a taster athletics club that we may begin to run after school. It is on Tuesday 14th June between 3.15 - 4pm .

You can book it via the link below:

<https://www.miniathletics.com/mini-athletics-portsmouth-summary/>

Dates

Week beginning 16th May - Y1 visit Seaview Care Home to spread their kindness

Tuesday 17th May - Hockey festival - ten Y2 children

Wednesday 18th May - Girls football festival - ten Y1 girls

Monday 23rd May - New YR parent's meeting 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th May- Queen's Jubilee lunch menu

Thursday 26th May- Last day of term and Disco 3.15pm - 4.45pm

Friday 27th May - INSET DAY

Friday 10th June - Cumberland's Queen's Jubilee celebrations (more details to follow)

Saturday 9th July - Summer Fete

Thursday 21st July and Friday 22nd July - INSET days

Chicken Pox cases

We are currently experiencing numerous cases of chickenpox in the school and Pre-School. Just to remind you that if your child does come down with chickenpox please do not send them back to school until the spots have scabbed over.

Thank you for your continued support which is greatly appreciated.