

# Cumberland Infants Newsletter



## Our Vision

To be a safe, happy and nurturing environment, inspiring our children to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of life and learning through our school's ethos and learning values.

## Our Ethos

As a school we are 'Getting into **SHAPE** for the future' with our values of:  
**Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Partnership and Enjoying**

## Message from Mrs Herbert

What a fabulous final week of term; full of Christmas magic! It has been delightful to open the Cumberland doors and welcome back so many parents who have joined us to watch the Nativity plays and in Pre-School, the parents joined us for their Christmas Celebrations. So many times this week I have been close to tears hearing the children's singing; I am so extremely proud of all the children and their hard work.

On Tuesday there was a buzz of excitement as children arrived wearing something 'Christmassy', the staff seem to enjoy this as much as the children! So many staff enjoyed eating their Christmas lunch with the children in the Hall with Christmas tunes filling the air.

St Margaret's Church are looking forward to welcoming your children today; to enhance their learning about Christmas. We value the real sense of Community when the school attends the Church. The Pre-School children are looking forward to taking over the Hall whilst we are at the church and enjoy time on the PE apparatus!

Our highlight today is a visit from Father Christmas who will arrive on a motorbike with a helper or two! A memory that the children will remember for years to come. Also, this year we are able to eat our party food all together in the hall which will mean so much as it has not been possible for several years. The day will end with fun and games at the Christmas parties. Let's hope after such a fun packed day the children will be ready for an early night. One final note, I feel I should express again my heartfelt thanks for all your support, kind words and generous cards and gifts.

Our Staff room is full of your kind chocolate gifts! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

## Clubs

**Mini Athletics** are currently taking bookings for the Spring Term and there are spaces still available on Tuesdays after school. A flyer with more details is attached.

There is also availability in the **Girls Football Club** which runs on a Thursday after School too. See the link below to book on

<https://bookings.pompeyitc.co.uk/activitybooker/booking/bookCourse.htm>

Return to school Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 8.50am in smart uniform, P.E and book bag ready for the Spring Term.

On the return to school please could you check all your children's uniform and belongings are named. All named items will find their way back to your child.

## Festive fun at Fort Nelson



Nine naughty reindeer are hiding around Fort Nelson, and staff are appealing for younger visitors to help round them up in time to pull Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve.

A free festive worksheet with a trail and puzzles will help children explore the museum galleries and track them down.

Fort Nelson is home to the national collection of artillery and the Museum galleries, outdoor spaces and underground tunnels are all open to explore.

The café will be open for festive snacks and drinks, and the museum shop has a great range of gifts and stocking fillers.



Fort Nelson is open Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm during term time and daily in the school holidays. Admission free. Car parking £3.

<https://royalarmouries.org/venue/fort-nelson>

### Governors

Over the last few weeks, our Governors have attended school frequently. Last week they met with the Ofsted Inspectors several times. This week they have had the joys of joining us for the Christmas Dinner and the Pre-School Christmas Celebrations which gave them a real feel for the Christmas magic we all experience in the last week of the Autumn Term.

### Staffing News

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that after seven fantastic years at Cumberland, Sharon Graham will not be returning due to ill health.

I know she will be greatly missed by the whole Cumberland community but especially the early morning greeting at Breakfast Club. She will visit on occasions like this week during the Christmas performances. We will be starting a collection in the New Year for staff and parents to contribute. leaving gift.

### Dates for January

**Tuesday 3rd January—Return to school**

**Friday 6th January 9am– 10am - Time to chat for parents with children with SEND.**

**Tuesday 17th January - 2.15pm Restorative Practice Behaviour Workshop.**

### Ofsted Inspection

Obviously you are all aware that on Tuesday 6th and 7th December Cumberland Infants and Little Cumberland Pre-School under went a graded Ofsted Inspection which was a gruelling two days. I have to say a huge thank you to all of your amazing children who really did rise to the occasion and made us very proud.

The staff in true Cumberland spirit pulled together and completely Wowed me with their dedication, commitment and love for the Cumberland Community.

You probably do not realise as parents your kind words, smiles and reassuring words mean so much and can really help when enduring an inspection.

Thank you so much to every member of the Cumberland community who completed the Ofsted Survey as the responses was so positive.

Unfortunately, the result will not be shared until it is quality assured and approved and even the majority of the staff can not be informed yet. We hope to be able to share the results of the inspection by the end of January/beginning of February.

Thank you to everybody for your continued support.