

# January Newsletter 2019

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas; the days are getting longer!

## Important Information about Newsletters

We will no longer be sending home a hard copy of each newsletter. They will either be emailed, or you can access them from the school website. A newsletter comes out near the beginning of each month, so please check. If you would like us to email it to you and we have not done this before, please send in your email address. This is our small way of trying to cut down on paper use.

## Fellbites Donation

We would like to thank Mickey, Jane and staff for their fantastic donation of £417.50 from the sale of burgers during the summer.

## Projects for this term

Please find attached, the plans for this term. Both the infants and the juniors are learning about their local area- If you have any further ideas, suggestions or expertise on the subject, please let us know.

## Leave of Absence

Please find attached a letter from Cumbria County Council regarding absence during term time. I do hope you understand that my hands are tied in this matter – it doesn't come from me personally. However, it is important to note that our Ofsted judgement can be significantly affected by our attendance percentages. This is challenging for us because we are a small school and so every absence has a huge impact on the figures because 1 child is equal to 4%. Our set target for the whole school is 96%!

## Gymnastics

We will be focussing on gymnastics in PE this term- children need shorts or a skort, rather than leggings/joggers. They may still bring joggers for any outdoor PE we may be doing.

## Water Bottles and Towels

It is really important that children keep hydrated in the school day, so please make sure they have a named water bottle in school. We do remind them to take them home on a Friday for a good clean- but they don't always remember to bring them back!! Children also need to have their own towel in school for handwashing.

## Eden Rock Climbing Competition, Carlisle

This is a new competition for our school- we thought we would have a go! If we like it, we can do it again in the future. The competition will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Eden Rock, from 10:30am- 1:30pm, so we will basically be out all day. We will provide a packed lunch for them all. We will travel in the school mini-bus. Children selected for the two teams (a girls' team and a boys' team) are:

Lex, George, Oliver, Woden, Noah, Ant, Keeley, Molly, Jody, Bonnie, Josie and Jessica.

It may be that we can organise a trip up there after school on day beforehand- I'll let you know.

### **Spellbinding (Key Stage 2)**

The Spellbinding Challenge, through Cumbria Library Services and Hills Books, will soon begin. Each child in Key Stage 2 will be given a reading passport. A brand-new selection of books will be available for children to read. Each time a book is completed, the children will be asked to give a verbal summary of the book and then be given a sticker. Once the passport is complete, children will be awarded a stationery prize. The books are quite challenging, so it is perfectly acceptable for parents to read the books to children, share the reading or for the children to read independently. I would encourage parents to discuss the books with children and encourage them/ help them to complete the challenge.

### **Instrument Lessons**

Instrument lessons begin again on Tuesdays. Please don't forget guitars, ukuleles and recorders!!

### **Art Club**

Mrs Simpson has kindly agreed to lead an Art club on a Monday after school from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Club starts Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January and will run until half term. We ask for a £5 donation to cover materials.

### **Spelling Competition**

The spelling competition that we held in the Autumn Term last academic year, really did give the children a boost with their spellings, so we propose to do the same this term. The lists are attached to this Newsletter. The competition will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and all the children will participate, from Reception to Year 6 (in different categories).

### **Walk and Breakfast/ Support Group Meeting**

#### **THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**

It really helps with planning if as many parents as possible can attend the support group meetings- we only have one a term! Please sign the slip below if you would like to order a bacon sandwich that day. It is great when you can walk to school from Glenridding too. So that there is time for breakfast, families need to assemble outside Sharman's by 8:10am in order to set off by 8:15am. Remember, this isn't walking bus, so parents need to walk with their children and if the weather is awful, it is up to each family whether or not they walk.

If you are not walking, please be at school by 8.30am for breakfast.

### **Dates for your diaries:**

<b>Full Governors' SEF Review</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Curriculum Committee Meeting</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>3.45pm</b>
<b>Climbing Competition @ Eden Rock</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Safeguarding Committee Meeting</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>3.45pm</b>
<b>Support group walk and breakfast</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>8.10am</b>
<b>School Council trip to London</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>7.40am – 21.30pm</b>
<b>Height/Weight/Vision checks – Yr R &amp; Yr 6</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>9.30am</b>

**Half Term**

**18<sup>th</sup> Feb – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

**Letters/Information to follow:-**

People & Finance Committee Meeting	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.45pm
Parent Consultations – Yr1 – Yr6	27/28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	From 3.45pm
Life Bus @ Skelton School	6 <sup>th</sup> March	During Day
Keysteps Gym Competition – Yr1-Yr6 @ Penrith Leisure Centre	8 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm -4.30pm
Full Governing Body Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> March	3.45pm
Real Love Rocks – Yr 5 & Yr 6	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon
Real Love Rocks – Yr 5 & Yr 6	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon
Spelling Competition	13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Keysteps Gym Final (Hopefully!!)	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	1.30pm–4.30pm
Big Breakfast	24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Break Up	29 <sup>th</sup> March	

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I would like my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ to attend art club on Mondays after school.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £5.

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We will be walking to school on Thursday 31st January and would like \_\_\_\_\_ bacon rolls.  
Please indicate if you require any vegetarian options.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_