



Cumberworth's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are in full Christmas swing after our bauble workshops today! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and will decorate their class trees with them next week.

On Tuesday we welcomed Hand to Mouth into school. They delivered reflective journeys, interactive storytelling and craft activities to all classes based on the theme The Wider World. All children had the opportunity to look beyond themselves and ask Big Questions of life and were encouraged to engage with issues around our Christian values.

KS2 visited Ledston Estate on Wednesday. Despite the dip in temperature, we had a fantastic time learning about the countryside, making bird feeders, completing a winter scavenger hunt in the woods and meeting a ferret!

Have a brilliant weekend,

Mrs Claxton

Exciting Winter Adventures in KS2 visit and Sunshine Club's Festive Artistry!

Our recent KS2 visit was a whirlwind of creativity and teamwork! I spoke to students Sam and Evelyn who shared their experience at Ledston Estate. Even though the weather was freezing (literally!) the children got stuck into the woodland activities and learnt how to make bird feeders from apples, created Christmas countdowns, and showcased their fantastic team spirit when in competition with other schools.

Meanwhile, the talented children from Sunshine Club worked wonders, painting a delightful gingerbread village for our new display. Their imaginative flair has transformed a dull and empty wall into a winter wonderland masterpiece!

It's heartwarming to witness the diverse talents within our school community. Here's to a season filled with creativity, collaboration, and joy!



A big happy birthday to Heath, Ruby and Lara who have all celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week!

Panda – Florence

Koala- Florence

Australia – Florence

China – Zosia

Whole School Attendance Figures

Our target is 97% attendance.

Last week	93.22 %
This week	93.38 %



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Reminders

- 'Sleeping Beauty' Theatre visit **Thursday 21st December** – if you would like your child to attend the visit to the theatre and you have not already done so, **please return slips and make payment through ParentPay by Monday 4th December**. Children are welcome to bring a small (NUT FREE) snack along with them to eat in the theatre. **Children should also come to school in their uniform.**
- **On the 8th December** we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers. In exchange we are asking children for a piece of Christmas chocolate for our Christmas Fayre.
- Please look out for messages from class teachers for Christmas Performance costume requests.
- Christmas Performance DVD/Blu-ray – please make payment through ParentPay by **Monday 18th December**.

Safeguarding update

Gates are now going to be padlocked – At the beginning of the day Panda class should be brought to the front entrance from now on. The side gates will be locked. Pick up will be as normal from the classroom door. Gates will be unlocked from 3:20pm.

The gate for the canopy in Panda class outdoor area will remain padlocked unless a member of staff is outside.

The gate outside Australia class will remain padlocked unless children are using the grassed area at the back

The gate from the track to the grassed area at the back which the gardeners use for access is now padlocked.

Internal green door release buttons have now been moved from child height to a height of 2m.

We are in discussion with Kirklees to make the gate at the front of school and the external front door, fob secured.



Diary Dates

December

6th – Christmas Film Club 3:30 – 5:00pm

7th – Year 1 & 2 Forest School Taster session – Children to wear warm clothes and suitable footwear.

8th – Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner, Reindeer Run

14th – Christmas Performance 2:00pm & 6:00pm

15th – Christmas Fayre – **NO Stars assembly**

21st – Whole school Theatre visit – AM

22nd – End of Term

Reindeer Run – Friday 8th December

Please send children to school in trainers/ appropriate footwear for the run. Sponsor forms have been sent home in book bags, please return these to school by **Monday 11th December**. If you wish to donate electronically you can do so through the link below;

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/cumberworthfirstschoolreindeerrun2023>



Christmas Film Club – Wednesday 6th December

The film club will run from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Children are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks (NUT FREE).

The children will be watching..

Class Panda – The Grinch

Class Koala – Arthur Christmas

Class Australia – Arthus Christmas

Class China – Home Alone