

Cumberworth's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break with family and friends. This half term is relatively short but we still have lots of things planned which you can find out below. This week we have welcomed in Tom Slack from Yorkshire Wildlings who will be doing Forest School sessions with Australia class this half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first session despite the cold weather!

The Governors and I would also like to invite you to a catch up session on 29th January at 5pm where we can go through changes that have been made so far and what's next for our school. If you have any questions you would like to ask us at this session or you cannot attend and would like a question asking then please send these through to the office email by Wednesday 24th January at 3:00pm. Minutes will be taken at the meeting and shared with everyone so please do not worry if you cannot attend.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Claxton

Pupil View

In this week's exciting updates from our children, Henry and Hattie shared their new found skills in maths – mastering the art of counting money and creating specific amounts with coins. Despite initial challenges, they now find it easy and engaging. Additionally, they enlightened us about the celebration of Kwanzaa, an African American cultural festival lasting from December 26th to January 1st. The duo explained elements like the Kinara (candle holder), Mishumaa Saba (seven candles), and Mahindi (corn) which symbolizes children's participation in the festivities. Both children stated how much they enjoyed learning about another culture's celebrations and way of life.

Switching over to PE class in China, Shamarah and Elliot highlighted their week of strength-building exercises, including planks, jumping, and chest pull-ups. Elliot impressively held a two-minute plank and a one-arm plank. Shamarah's favourite was tackling hurdles. Both emphasized the enjoyment of teamwork, mutual support, and circuit training, thanking Mr Sommerville for making the experience both challenging and fun – Miss Auckland

Whole School Attendance Figures

Our target is 97% attendance.

Week commencing 18.12.23	96%
This week	95.95%

Bags 2 School

We are taking part in the Bag 2 School as part of a school fundraiser. Please bring your bags to school on Friday 19th January. Thanks



Willow we hope you enjoy your birthday this weekend. We can't wait to hear all about it on Monday.

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week!

Panda - Gabriella

Koala-Isla

Australia - Joel

China - Martha B



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Reminders

- Year 5 If your child would like to take part in the Music Festival at Huddersfield Town Hall on Monday 17th June, **please return slips to school by Monday**.
- We have had community feedback from a resident regarding parking. Please make sure you are mindful when parking for school drop off and pick up. It is illegal to park on the zig-zags between 8:00 9:30 and from 2:30 4:00. Please also ensure you are not blocking neighbours' exits or drives. The Police and Kirklees Council constantly monitor the situation. Please share this with friends, family and carers who may drive to school
- We would like a representative from each class who can also add any messages sent through Class Dojo to the class WhatsApp groups. Please contact the office if this is something that you would be able to help with.

RSPCA Valentails Appeal

We are working together with the RSPCA and taking part in their annual 'Valentails' appeal. The children will choose an animal that is awaiting a home in the Animal Centre and making a Valentines cards to send to them. The children will be making their cards the week before the 5th February but we would also like to support the RSPCA by collecting donations of soft toys, treats and food which can be brought into school from next week for collection on the 9th February.

NSPCC Number Day

We will be supporting the NSPCC while raising the profile of maths in school. More details will follow but children will be able to come to school in a maths/number based outfit with a prize for the most original. Sports tops with numbers on or clothing with spots/stripes or anything that can be counted are also absolutely fine



Diary Dates

January

18th - Theme Lunch Day - The Big Breakfast

19th - Bags2School returned

23rd – Year 1 Multi Skills @ Shelley College

26th – Wear it Blue and White Day

29th - 5pm Parents meeting with Mrs Claxton and Governors to update on the Cumberworth Journey 2023/24



Wear it Blue and White Day

On Friday 26th January children can come to school dressed in blue and white for a suggested donation of £2. Please make donations through ParentPay. This is to help raise money for our Breakfast Clubs.

