Northside Primary School Newsletter

Cumbria Education Trust

Headteacher: V McDowell

1st March 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been lovely to see the sun at times this week! Our little duck fountain is now back at the front of the school to welcome the impending Spring weather.

We've had a really successful couple of weeks of improvement in attendance – well done everyone!

The hot cross buns are being enjoyed by children each morning.

The Employability café was well attended this week with Clare and Deb from INSPIRA. Please do come next week! The group enjoyed a chat, toast and a hot drink.

The Adult Learning Group met with Kelly on Tuesday to look at how to get the best out of hearing your child read. I know that they are looking forward to next week's session.
Thank you to all the outside organisations who support us.

We have so many lovely things going on in school:

We have swimming for all KS2 children throughout next week. Staff at Workington Leisure Centre commented that we behaviour was amazing last term.

We have World Book Day on Thursday of next week where we have invited two people form industry into school to share stories with our KS1 and EYFS children.

A group of children from Years 4 and 5 will be travelling to Whitehaven Academy on 14th March as we have been chosen to be part of 'Brilliant Cumbria' which is about teaching children to be positive. Our group of twelve children will then return to school to share what they have learnt.

Our Year 2 children are taking part in a Multi-skills Day where all CET primary schools will travel to Workington Academy and I know from last year that they will have the best time!

Miss Porter has been busy putting together a sheet for children so that they can look at some options as to how to improve lunchtimes. Our Year 5 and 6 children shared this with small groups across the school on Thursday.

Matt Hood, who is one of the Trustees of CET, visited Northside Primary School on Friday of last week. He met with children and was delighted with the progress that they are making. We looked at the curriculum which we are using at school.

Councillor Grisdale will be coming into school from 8.40 am next week. He is keen to have feedback about the community centre and how to make this better. Miss Mitchell and I are happy to pass on any verbal feedback or, if you would like to come and chat to him and have a hot drink, we're keen to see you. Feel free to send any feedback through Dojo or Parent Mail.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. McDowell
CET Headteacher

NURSERY PLACES AT NORTHSIDE

Is your child 3 years old or turning 3 really soon?

Then why not come for a look around our excellent Early Years area.

We offer 15 hours free early education, (30 hours if you are eligible)

Our school is a friendly & engaging learning environment, with lovely staff!

Please give us a call on **01900 62255** – We would love to meet you!

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Attendance Heroes

Well done to this week's attendance heroes.

Class 3 – Year 3 & 4 have the highest attendance this week.

This week's attendance

Class 1: 96.88%
Class 2: 91.82%
Class 3: 98.10%
Class 4: 95.79%
Whole school: 95.45%
National benchmark: 94.4%

Attendance at school is the most important factor in achieving your potential.
Every school day and lesson count!

100% Attendance last week

Well done to the **66 children** who have 100% attendance this week

This is absolutely brilliant!

Upcoming dates

4th – 8th March	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Swimming all week
5th March	Skills for Hearing Readers
6th March	Year 2 Multi Skills Event, Workington Academy
7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Mock SATS week
12th March	Children with disabilities cafe
14th March	Yr4&5 Brilliant Cumbria (Wellbeing Ninjas)
15th March	Class 1 Trip to Stockswood (Nursery & reception)
15th March	Year 5 & 6 Bag packing, Asda
20th March	0-3 Toddler Group starts, 2-3pm
13th – 17th May	SATS Week
3rd – 5th July	Class 4 City Break Residential To York

PE Days are Monday & Thursday for all children.

PE kits must be brought to school

Our PE kit is white t-shirt, black bottoms and trainers

Reading Books/Bags

Children must bring their reading books/folders to school every day

☆ STARS OF THE WEEK ☆

Well done to the children who were awarded with certificate s this week! 🏆👏

❤️ 🌈 0-3 TODDLER GROUP 🌈 ❤️

📅 **Every Wednesday, starting Wednesday 20th March 2024**

⏰ **2pm - 3pm**

☕ **Everyone is welcome, for a cuppa, chat and play, free of charge**

Our 0-3 club is open to ANY child from birth to 3 years old. This includes children who attend our morning nursery sessions 😊

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Family Learning

Skills for Hearing Readers

Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 5th March

9.30 am – 11.30 am

Family Learning
Supporting families in Cumbria to learn together

Skills for Hearing Readers

Most schools aim for parents to listen to their child read for 10/15 mins daily. But… would you like to learn skills to enhance this?

From this course, you will learn:

- About the skills your child needs to become a successful reader.
- Learn how to correctly pronounce some of the phonemes.
- Understand some of the reading terminology used in schools.
- Learn about the importance of blending and how to blend.
- Learn about how open and closed questions enhance reading.

Each session lasts approximately 2 hours. The first hour is an adult only session where you will learn a range of skills. Your child will then join us, for the second part, where we will put some of the skills learnt into practice.

For more information, please contact the School Office

Family Learning tutors are friendly and approachable and aim to make the sessions fun and accessible for all. If you would like to book a place, please complete the slip below and return to school reception as soon as possible, as the course can only run with sufficient numbers.

Parent/carer name _____

Child's name and class _____

Your contact number _____

Signature _____

I would like to book a place on:

Hearing Readers 2 day course ☐

Registered Charity Number: 1180100

Parent & Carers of Children with Disabilities Café

Please join us in school for this cafe led by
Shirley Murphy from **Autism Support Allerdale and Copeland**

Free tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Dates for the Spring Term, Tuesdays from 9-11 am:

- **30th January**
- **20th February**
- **12th March**
- **26th March**

Shirley will invite speakers from:

- Familiy Action
- Benefits
- Basic First Aid Training
- Social Prescribers
- West Cumbria Carers Association

(who can support with carers' allowance and the carers' assessment)

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Before & After School Clubs

After School Clubs
3:15pm – 3:55pm

Tues
Nature Club
with Rosie

Wed
Fun Club with
Miss McCourt & Miss Vallance
Performance Club
Mrs Allen, Miss Tweedie & Miss Morgan

Thurs
Sports Club
with Evie

There is no charge for our after-school clubs

Breakfast Club
Open daily from 8am – 8:35am
£2 per child, everyone welcome

We offer all children toast and fruit from
8:35am – 9am free of charge

Clubs need to be booked in advance by contacting
Miss Mitchell, by phone, email or Class Dojo