



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

We've had a very busy start to the 2017-18 academic year. Thank you to all those who attended the meeting on 27th September with Mr Armstrong and the CSFA. The summer holidays seem like a long time ago now but the children have settled into their new year groups well.

Safeguarding

The recent safeguarding and child safety issue was dealt with quickly and effectively by all involved. Thank you for all the information given to us. Any necessary information was passed on to the police. In addition to the letter that went out on Friday 6th, emails were sent to local schools, the children had a safety talk, updates were placed on Twitter and the police were informed. The police investigation has drawn to a close. Thank you all for your cooperation and support. If there is ever another safeguarding issue, the school will endeavour to give quicker updates to parents in relation to the matter.

The Bikeability sessions were really good for the Year 5 children. They learnt how to cycle on roads safely and follow the rules of road safety.

Years 5 and 6 had a trip to UCC for bread making where they made a variety of French breads, which Daniel has explained, "Were hard on the outside and nice and soft on the inside".

Also, a number of children attended the Lowther Fun Run organised by Penrith Rotary Club last weekend. It was great to see so many children participate and run the 4k route.

Recruitment

You may have noticed the school is recruiting a Temporary Senior Teaching Assistant to offer 1:1 support for children in the school. Shortlisting is on Wednesday 10th October and the interview day is Monday 16th October. We will update you on the appointment in due course.



Harvest Festival

Wednesday 11th October at All Saints Church, Culgaith

The Harvest Festival will take place this week at All Saints Church. It will be lovely to see as many parents as possible there to share in the celebrations. Stephen will lead the service and the children have prepared a number of songs to perform.

Everyone is welcome. We will walk down to church at approximately 9:15am and will begin at 9:30am. We are taking part in the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and there will be a collection box at church.

School Council

Congratulations to Eliza and Jasmine who have been elected joint Leaders of the school council with exactly the same amount of votes. Robert has also been elected Secretary. The three children will meet regularly with Mr Armstrong to organise and plan events. They will also have the chance to work with the CSFA on how to use some money as suggested by the children.

Sainsburys Visit

Class 2 visited Sainsburys in July and had a brilliant time looking at machines and behind the scenes. They all had a go on a till and took some beautiful publicity the children had created to advertise British Produce Week. A big thank you to Sainsburys for a great trip and thank you for the generous voucher to spend on fruit and vegetables for snack time – Sainsburys were very impressed with our artwork and wanted to say thank you to us!

Topic

This term's topic is Amazing People. In addition to looking at people who have done amazing things throughout history, some children will look at Ancient Egyptians, Saints and people in our lives who are amazing.

Head teacher awards go to the following children so far this half term:

Class 1 – Daisy M, Daniel S, Harry and Josiah
Class 2 – Erin, Danny, Jade, Jess, Martha and Meira
Class 3 – Eliza

Apres School, Breakfast and Afterschool clubs

Breakfast club is extremely popular and it is continuing to grow.

Après School is also available and the trial period is still continuing. This is run with a very fine margin and we hope to continue provide you with wrap around care.

It has been great to see all the feedback slips for those who can volunteer to run or help with different After School Clubs. As soon as the forms are returned, the information will be correlated and a plan and timetable of clubs will be sent out. It is evident that many appreciate the clubs we provide and would like more, so this is a way of providing a greater variety of clubs.

Homework

Even though homework usually goes out on a Monday and should be returned on a Friday, unforeseen circumstances often delay the sending out of homework. We will try to send out homework on the same day each week. If handing homework in on a Friday is difficult, the weekend can also be used to complete homework. The homework will be marked as often as possible.

Halloween Party - Friday 20th October at 5pm

at Culgaith recreation ground

Contact Sally on 07936129888 for more information and tickets

Proceeds to be split between CSFA and recreation ground

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 11 th October	9:30am Harvest Festival at All Saints Church, Culgaith
Thursday, 12 th October	Flu vaccinations for YR, 1, 2, 3 and 4
Friday, 13 th October	Y5 & 6 to QEGS for netball and football competition
Monday, 16 th October	7:00pm Governor Finance Committee meeting at school
Friday, 20 th October	Break up for half term
Monday, 30 th October	School starts
Monday, 20 th November	6:45pm Full Governor meeting in school
Thursday, 7 th December	6:00pm Christmas Nativity and carols at All Saints Church, Culgaith (To be confirmed)
Wednesday, 13 th December	Christmas play at The Vic (village hall). Afternoon and evening performances - 1:30pm and 6:00pm (This date is now confirmed)
Thursday, 14 th December	2:00pm Class 3 to sing carols at The Vic (To be confirmed)
Friday, 15 th December	School trip to Upfront Theatre to see 'Cinderella'
Friday, 15 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Thursday, 4 th January	School starts

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