



# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2017

### Reminders

If your child is ill please phone us on the first day of absence – by 9:15am if possible – so that we know which code to put in the register and what to do about lunch. If you forget, we will ring you but it is helpful if we know asap.

Please let us know if someone else is picking up your child. Please phone us or write on the sheet in Class 1 (ask staff to show you). If bringing children or picking up at other times in the day, e.g. for appointments, please come to the front door and ring the bell.

### Emergency School Closure Information

This is just a reminder about the procedures we have in place in the event of us having to close (usually due to the weather). We will always try to stay open but if not we endeavour to make the decision as early as possible and we won't close part way through the day.

1. We have a phone system which means that Mr Armstrong will ring a group of parents who have volunteered to then ring a group of their own. Everyone will get a phone call and/or text message. It is helpful if you can reply to these to confirm you have received the message (including if your child has answered the phone in case they forget to pass on the message). Please note that if we have had to make the decision to close the school first thing in the morning, then the likelihood is that there will be no-one in school to answer the phone.
2. Listen to Radio Cumbria – If there is bad weather this is my first point of contact in the morning if we need to close. They give out regular lists of schools that have needed to close. CFM also do this once I have emailed them. The decision to close is based purely with regard for the safety of children, parents and staff.

### Operation Christmas Child



As you may be aware, Samaritan's Purse run Operation Christmas Child through which some children across the world receive a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love. This year, Culgaith School are participating in the event and it would be lovely to see the children help spread a little happiness across the world. Leaflets have gone home with further details. Our school has a pick up booked for shoe boxes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November so it will be great to have them in by then. If you have empty shoeboxes you would like to donate for people to use, please feel free to send them in to school.

### Children in Need

This year, Children in Need falls on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November and school will be participating in the event. We will hold a non-uniform day with the Children in Need theme 'Spotacular' and we kindly request a donation of £1 or more for the cause. Classes will continue as normal with small twists to each lesson. There will be further details to come.



to Chloe Burns who has been appointed to work in Class 1. It's great to welcome Chloe to the school and she brings a lot of enthusiasm and skills to our team.

### Year 6 at the Vic

On Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, the 'Year 6 at The Vic' tradition will continue. This is an event that helps The Vic, CSFA and children in the school. We are hoping that, as in previous years, parents and CFSA will provide adult support and cakes. Any money received on the day will be kindly donated to the CFSA from the Trustees at The Vic. The Year 6 children will set-up, prepare, serve, and then count the money the following day. It also should be mentioned that all Health and Safety procedures and guidelines will be followed. I'm sure everyone has new, wonderful and interesting baking ideas since Great British Bake Off has finished, so it would be lovely to receive some tasty donations of cakes to sell at The Vic on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1:30pm to 4:00pm. And of course, you are all more than welcome to attend.



A little reminder that the CSFA are hosting an auction at Langwathby Village hall on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please add this to your diary!

### Head teacher awards go to the following children:

Class 1 – Leo  
 Class 2 – Charlie  
 Class 3 – Daniel, Eleanor and Harriet

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	'Spotacular' non-uniform day for Children in Need
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	6:45pm Full Governor meeting in school
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1:00pm Year 1 children to see Christmas Journey at Langwathby Chapel (more information to follow)
Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 running The Vic café from 1:30pm
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00pm Christmas Nativity and carols at All Saints Church, Culgaith (To be confirmed)
Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas play at The Vic (village hall). Afternoon and evening performances - 1:30pm and 6:00pm
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00pm Class 3 to sing carols at The Vic (To be confirmed)
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	School trip to Upfront Theatre to see 'Cinderella'
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School starts

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