



# Newsletter

## March 2018

### Staffing Update

On Tuesday 27th February, the governors and I interviewed three fantastic candidates to replace Simon. We offered the position to Miss. Megan Martin. Presently, Megan works part time at Langdale C of E School and is extremely excited to continue her teaching career at Culgaith in a full time capacity, leading maths. She will start two weeks after the Easter holidays and I will take the class for two weeks before she starts. Megan and I will ensure there is a smooth transition especially with the lead up to SATs. Megan, Simon and I will plan together before Easter to ensure that there will be a smooth and effective transition. Additionally, Megan will visit the children over the coming weeks on some afternoons so when she does start, the children will already know her. This will also allow for important hand-over conversations with Simon before he leaves. I'm sure Megan will have a successful time here at Culgaith and I know Langdale are reluctant to see her leave. If you have any questions, please contact me.

### Date Changes

Last week a number of activities/events had to be cancelled. The new dates are:

World Book Day– Friday 23rd March

Hunter Hall Cross Country– 20th April

Donna Moore Year 5 SexEd Workshop– TBC

Additionally, Wendy's last day was 28th February but she will come and say goodbye at a later date.

### School Sport

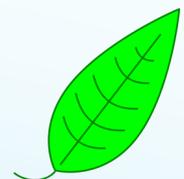


You may have noticed that the children in Class 2 and 3 have been busy with lots of sports coaches this year. We have used Sports Funding to pay for specialist dance, gymnastics, tag rugby and football coaches. Class 3 children are looking forward to taking part in the UDance festival at the Sands Centre in Carlisle at the end of term. We are also looking at Class 1 having more sports coaches in to help further develop their sports skills.

### Head Teacher Awards

Class 2– Jess

Class 3– Thea, Harriet, Emma D



### Snow, snow and more snow

Thank you everyone for your support with the snow last week. We never take the decision lightly to close the school as we always endeavour to remain open but last week there was no other option but to close the school. We understand the disruption this often causes with work commitments, but the safety of the staff and children on their commute to and from school is paramount. We always try and make decisions as early as possible. Additionally, I would like to give special mentions to Flora who helped deliver cakes to members of the Culgaith community with her mum to those who couldn't make it to the Vic's Community Café on Thursday. Also, to the McCulloch family who helped clear the carpark and paths in and around school. From what I saw on Twitter, there was a lot of fun and learning occurring on the days school was closed. It was great to see the team work for igloo building, sledge trains and much, much more.

### Swimming Week

Before half term, each morning Year 1 to Year 6 children ventured to Penrith Leisure Centre to take part in our annual swimming week. The children improved a lot and were extremely well-behaved, as always. I think the highlight for the children was swimming in their clothes at the end of the week.

### New Starter

We would like to welcome Jayden to our school who has started in Class 1. It is always quite scary joining a new school but the children have been brilliant helping him settle in to Culgaith School.



### Key Dates

Thursday 8th March– Life Education Bus in School  
Friday 9th March– Moving Mountains assembly and Class 3 Workshop.  
Monday 12th March– UDance session for Class 3.  
Monday 19th March– Full Governors Meeting  
Wednesday 21st March– Hunter Hall Football competition for Class 3.  
Friday 23rd March– rearranged World Book Day Dress Up  
Monday 26th March– Hunter Hall Netball completion for Class 3.  
Wednesday 28th March– 9.30 Easter Service at Church.

#### Weekly sessions:

Tuesdays– Football with Class 2 and 3    Wednesdays– Rugby with Class 2 and 3.

*All key dates are added to the School Website. You can download the GoogleCalendar app on phones and add head.culgaith@gmail.com to access the calendar.*



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