

Dear Parents,

The end of term is in sight!

It's been a wonderfully busy RE week, culminating in Classes 2 and 4 visiting Lanercost Priory to celebrating this week's learning, along with other local schools.

Bikeability has also been a huge success, it was lovely to see the children grow in confidence and develop their cycling skills.

This afternoon Fraser, Harper and I were lucky enough to visit an ex-pupil who is celebrating her 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday today. Irene attended Crosby in the late 1920s! She was thrilled with the children's thoughtful card and the children really brightened her day! I talk to the children about being part of the Crosby family forever and Irene really does epitomise that!

I'm looking forward to seeing amazing pumpkin carvings on Monday morning and greeting as many of you as possible at Harvest Festival next Friday.

A reminder for Reception parents, the News and Star's First-Class 2024 supplement will be available on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Miss Keitch  
Headteacher

**The list of FORTHCOMING DATES is attached and is also displayed at the end of this email.**

### School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is, an amazing **99%**; our attendance target is **97%** so that's a fantastic effort! Thank you for your continued support.

### Halloween – be safe whilst having fun

Halloween can be an exciting time for children and many of you will providing learning opportunities related to Halloween by making use of the colourful varieties of gourds, squashes and pumpkins that are available at this time of year.

When families celebrate Halloween, many participate in dressing up activities – but unfortunately dressing up clothes for children are marketed as 'toys' and do not have to meet the safety standards that are imposed on other children's clothes.

Here are two useful articles to help you to ensure that children are kept safe at Halloween:

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

[How to choose a safe Halloween costume | Family Corner](#)

### Cumberland Council Recycling Week

Cumberland Council is celebrating recycling week. The theme is 'Rescue Me' and focuses on rescuing recyclable items from heading to the rubbish bin. There are lots of ways in which

we can all work with the children to help them to learn about reducing waste through recycling, such as:

- Taking re-usable bags with you when outside and on trips and talking with the children about where you keep them in-between.
- Asking the children to help you to work out how you could fix something that is tired or broken, instead of putting it in the bin.
- Using paper as many times as possible (front, back, cutting it up, collage and so on) before putting it in the recycling.
- Asking the children to help you to sort out where things go when recycling – card, metal, plastic.

### Feet First – 5 Day Challenge Week

Well done to everyone who has participated in the 'Feet First' challenge this week – children have been given their cards/stickers for their efforts. We'd like to encourage families to continue walking/biking/scooting to school when possible.

### Official Opening of Play Area & Ofsted

We are looking forward to our official opening of our new play area and we will be welcoming a football player from Carlisle United on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** along with the local newspaper, The News & Star. We will also be celebrating our recent Ofsted outcome.

We will let you know when we are due to be in the paper should you wish to purchase a copy.

### Christmas Plays

Please note there is a change to Class 3 & Class 4 show dates – revised dates are below.

10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Play
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Play
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 3 Christmas Play 2pm & 3.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class 4 Christmas Play 2pm & 3.30pm

### IT Acceptable Use – Pupil & Parent

Please find attached a copy of our IT Acceptable Use agreement for Pupils and Parents. We have discussed points on the form with children in class – please kindly read through the form again with your child, sign and return the bottom part back to school. Please may we suggest that you display at home, the top part of the agreement as a reminder.

Thank you for your support as we endeavor to keep our children safe online.

### Parent Information Meetings Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has provided their feedback so far. There's still time to comment if you would like to and we encourage you to feedback so we can endeavour to provide the best times for our information meetings.

[forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ptbiSYw8RkuZGVI0gEYhKtTXmZyilYhLj-mM3ZJCvYNUQ0VaVknSS1RSTTBaSkY4MkpDR01CSks1WC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ptbiSYw8RkuZGVI0gEYhKtTXmZyilYhLj-mM3ZJCvYNUQ0VaVknSS1RSTTBaSkY4MkpDR01CSks1WC4u)

**The deadline for feedback is end of Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.**

### **PTA Events**

**Pumpkins** are available after school today - £1 which includes entry into our competition – please return your decorated pumpkins to school on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** for judging. Winners, 1 per year group, will be announced on **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

Our **'Spooky' Disco** takes place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. If your child would like to attend, please send £4 per child into school in a clearly marked envelope.

**Great North Air Ambulance** clothing collection for **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November** – bags have been sent home with children. Donations of clothing, coats, shoes (in pairs), belts, handbags, ink cartridges and mobile phones are accepted.

### **Poppies**

Poppies and other items will be available to purchase from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October and w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November prices are below:

Snap bands £1.50 / wristbands £1.00 / stationery items & reflector poppies £50p poppies & stickers a donation of your choice.

### **Preloved Uniform**

We have many school branded items in our preloved uniform shop all priced at £2 per item. If you would like to purchase anything, please contact Mrs Wood.

If you have any items of **school branded** uniform which are in good order, please send these into school. We cannot accept anything non branded such as trousers, skirts, polo shirts etc. Thank you!

### **Teaching & Learning Celebrations:**

**Class 1** This week Reception took advantage of the autumn sunshine and had a walk around the village. They spotted lots of signs of autumn and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. We have been working hard with our phonics and blending and have really impressed everyone with how many phonemes we know. In Literacy, Reception have completed their work on 'The Something', working hard to make their plans and use them to come up with their own sentences. In our SCARF sessions we have been talking about different emotions and have linked in with our Colour Monster feelings register. We all enjoyed taking part in RE week. We learned a little about El Salvador and took great care decorating our own brightly coloured crosses.

**Class 2** enjoyed an autumnal day at the woods with wonderful weather on Monday. They especially enjoyed the archery, stick whittling, lunch preparing, tree climbing, games and free play. In Science, our animal enthusiasts particularly enjoyed learning about what different animals eat such as carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. Our stories are nearly complete, with just the final write up left to complete. We will continue recalling our number bonds to 10 and 20 which we were working on in maths. Learning about 'Christianity in Italy' for R.E. week was interesting, and we enjoyed sharing our knowledge at

'Lanercost Priory' this morning. Our knowledge about 'The Great Fire of London' is growing and we are helping our new class member 'Flashback Ted' to remember more by recalling and telling him what we already know. Another busy week in Class 2, with so many of our school values continually shown throughout our week such as perseverance as we walked back from the woods, friendship when peers were worried, lonely our upset and trust to complete tasks and given responsibilities. Well done Class 2!

**Class 3** have been busy writing their stories in English. We were all enthusiastic and I am sure there will be some great writing at the end of the week. We have been finishing our unit in Maths on place value and we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In History, we have been drawing pyramids and using key vocabulary to discuss how they were made and created a fact file. We had a fun morning on the playground with our bikes for Bikeability and learned some useful cycling skills. This week, class 3 have really been ready to learn and demonstrate our school values - especially perseverance and respect.

**Class 4** This week, Class 4 have been taking part in Bikeability, learning how to keep safe on the road and maintain their bikes. They remained focused and determined even in the rain! The instructors commented on their resilience and perseverance, which was great to hear!

Everyone has enjoyed leaning about the causes of WW2 in History, asking lots of questions and sharing their knowledge.

We ended the week with a visit to Lanercost Priory, joining other schools to celebrate RE week. They enjoyed sharing their learning.

**FORTHCOMING DATES    AUTUMN TERM 1**