



Derwent Vale Newsletter

This certificate is awarded to **Class 4** for highest attendance this week. **(100%)**

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Friday 28th September 2018

NUT FREE SCHOOL

- PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LANE OR ALONG THE TOP WHERE THERE ARE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES. CARS WILL BE DAMAGED. DO NOT PARK ON THE ZEBRA CROSSING
- **ATTENDANCE: 3 children were late this week. Well done everyone else!**
- Pupils arriving late will have to miss playtime so please ensure your child is at school at 8.45am
- We have cases of HEADLICE in school. Please check your child's and families hair and treat accordingly
- Harvest festival - we have already sent out information regarding donation items for us to collect on Monday 1st, and take to the food bank to help out our local community.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance this week
97.72%
Fantastic!
Our Local Authority target is 96%
Appointments should be made after 3pm



Star of the Week



This week Star of the Week has been awarded to
Eden and Bailey from Class 1,
Kiaya and Charlie from Class 2,
Trent and Amber from Class 3,
Caitlin B and Maisey from Class 4,
Laiton and Ethan B from Class 5
Well done everyone!



School starts at 8:45

- 1st Choir 12.30pm
- Morning school assembly - Mayor of Allerdale to award Cumbria in Bloom award and Rotary Club representatives to award Y3 dictionaries
 - **2pm** Harvest Festival assembly **All welcome**
- 2nd Y1, 2 cricket coaching
- 3rd Y5, 6 visit to Amcor
1pm Family Learning PHONICS
After school clubs 3-4pm
- 4th Y4 Swimming am

Events coming up

- Week beginning 15.10.18 - Parent's evenings
19.10.18 Finish 3.00pm for half term
29.10.18 School photo
1.11.18 Halloween disco 5 - 6.30 Village Hall
8.11.18 Workington music festival
3.12.18 Class 1 Whinlatter trip
10.12.18 Class 2 Christmas performance 1.30, 6.00
11.12.18 Class 1 Christmas performance 1.30, 6.00
13.12.18 Christmas dinner
20.12.18 Carol service 2.00pm **All welcome**
21.12.18 Finish for Christmas 1.30pm

Dinner Money

Nursery £1.40 per day - £7.00 per week
Y3-6 £2.20 per day - £11.00 per week to be paid on **MONDAY**. Please place in a named money bag/envelope and place in Class box. Change will be issued by the class teacher at home time. Reception, Y1 and Y2 will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals

Safeguarding Cumbria Local Children's Safeguarding Board (LSCB). Concerns about the wellbeing of any child information can be found at <http://cumbrialscb.com> Tel: 0333 240 1727

Cumbria in Bloom

We are delighted to announce that once again we are winners of the Best School Garden Award for Decorative Features. This is a county wide competition so we are thrilled to have recognition for the fantastic school grounds, created and developed by our gardening club including volunteers Jen and Barry Gregg. The Mayor of Allerdale will be presenting us with our award in Monday morning's assembly.

FUNDRAISERS -

The fundraisers are a small group of volunteers who organise amazing events for all the children to participate in. They are looking for people to join them to help spread the load. INTERESTED??? Please contact the office.

"Strive for 5" reading challenge.

Reading Records include: Term dates for the year, year group spellings, times tables and letter formation sheets
The weekly strive for 5 challenge is continuing with week 1 starting Friday 7th September. There is an individual box to sign/comment in each time your child reads with an adult. Staff will check and stamp reading sessions daily. There will continue to be weekly rewards for achieving 'Strive for 5' and half termly rewards. 'Get out of jail free' card (page 3). This will be used the first time your child misses a week. Once used you then have no further chances if you miss a week's Strive for 5.
Strive for 5 really **DOES** make a difference to your child's reading ability which is why this is a whole school initiative. Staff will question children about the texts they have read. Replacement books will cost £5.00.

NOTICEBOARD

Workington & District Primary Heads' Association

Dear Parent/Carer

Mass Headteacher Action – 28th September 2018

On Friday 28 September, hundreds of other Headteachers from across the country will be supporting a mass event intended to gain improved funding for school education. Heads from the Workington Cluster are not attending but we remain steadfastly supportive of this action, without any political bias; the hallmarks of the campaign work to date.

You will be aware of the challenges that schools up and down the country are facing. A mixture of rising costs and unmanageable strain on other support services has meant that for many years we have been expected "to do more with less".

Under a challenging period of austerity for the Government we understand that there is no bottomless pit of money. Accordingly, school staff have played their part to work even harder and with greater efficiency on behalf of the children and families that we serve. However, it is clear to all Headteachers that this situation is unsustainable. Frequently, we do not have enough money to meet the increasing demands placed on our schools. On the ground, services and resources have been cut to the bone and class sizes are increasing. At times, schools are even having to prop up budgets with monies that should be targeted at those students from the most disadvantaged backgrounds, or those that have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Under the umbrella of the campaign group 'Worth Less?', Headteachers have shone a light on these funding difficulties. Whilst we appreciate that the Government has been trying to implement a new National Funding Formula, the formula itself has not been adequately funded and therefore our budgets will remain in an unacceptably poor state.

In July, the Institute for Fiscal Studies echoed what we have been saying for some considerable time and confirmed that, in real terms, school budgets have been cut by 8% since 2010. <https://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/13143> It is simply not helpful for the Government to claim that "more money is spent on schools than ever before", when independent evidence clearly states that in real terms, this is simply not the case.

Headteachers will gather at Downing Street to insist that the Chancellor, and his colleagues at the Department for Education, use the upcoming Autumn Statement to begin to invest properly in our schools and your child's education.

We are determined to campaign until a better and fairer settlement is reached in order to support your children and the future prosperity of the country as a whole.

Yours faithfully

The Headteachers of the following schools: Ashfield Infant & Nursery School, Ashfield Junior School, Beckstone Primary School, Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School, Distington Community School, Northside School, St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, St Michael's Infant & Nursery School, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Seaton Infant School, Seaton St Paul's Junior School, Westfield Nursery & Primary School.

PE Curriculum

Tuesday Y1, Y2 am

Wednesday N, R am Y5 Y6 pm

Thursday Y4 am Y3 pm

All classes do a daily ACTIVATE session

PE KIT

Plain sports day colour T-shirt, Navy blue shorts, Trainers

Shoulder length hair tied back - girls and boys. No jewellery

Children will lose Golden Time for not having kit.

HARVEST FESTIVAL & FOODBANK

As in previous years, we would like to invite you to make donations to the local foodbank. Please send donations into school before or on Monday 1st October. Thank you.



Reg Charity No 1067541

Shopping List

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- * Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- * Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- * Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- * Biscuits or snack bars
- * Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- * Tinned Fish
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- * Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- * Instant Mash Potato
- * Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- * Sugar
- * Jam
- * Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- * Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



No Low Calorie Foods

Friday Club

Great Clifton Methodist Church

Gate Head

Every Friday

3pm – 5:45pm

Age 3½ years + or able to use the toilet independently

Normal Fridays:

Stories, art & crafts, games, competitions, cooking, singing, seasonal activities

Holiday Club – Friday Club:

Walking, cooking, activity residential holidays, Sleep overs, sports, discos

£1.50 per session including a cooked tea

All welcome

