



Newsletter

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POPPY APPEAL

As we approach Remembrance Day, it is the time when we support the Royal British Legion by making poppies, slap bands and more available to our children. We are selling these immediately so children are invited to bring a donation of £1+.



ATTENDANCE

We had lower than usual attendance in the lead-up to half term but hopefully we are all fighting fit for one of the busiest and most exciting times of the school year!

Week beginning Monday 14th October

Owls: 93% Ospreys: 91% Kestrels: 97%

Week beginning Monday 21st October

Owls: 98% Ospreys: 93% Kestrels: 97%



More Happenings...

EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND RESIDENTIALS

Last term, I wrote to parents and carers of children currently in Years 5-6 to explore the possibility of holding a city residential visit.

Although there was a clear appetite for this type of experience, spiralling costs, timetabling and staffing challenges mean that it will not take place during the current year. However, it is an option that we will keep on the backburner as a potential activity for future years. Rest assured that we will keep the hugely popular Barcaple residential visit firmly in our diary.

WRAPAROUND CARE

We offer breakfast club every school day from 7:30, charged at £4 per child.

At the end of the school day, we have fun after school club activities including sign language, games & quizzes and Y3-6 gymnastics - all until 4:25pm, charged at £4. Further childcare is available until 5pm for an additional £2.

We very much welcome and encourage use of these clubs but we do ask for advance notice wherever it is possible.

CHARITY UPDATE

The News & Star have written an article on the fantastic fundraising that our community has engaged with. Here is the link:

<https://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/24691881.cumbria-cerebral-palsy-celebrates-outstanding-fundraising/>

FOREST SCHOOL

This Wed 6th November will be the final forest school session of this block.

The current forecast is for 13-14 degrees but the ground is likely to be wet so please send in a suitable change of clothing and footwear as usual. Y3-6 will have a morning session so can arrive in their forest school kit and then change into their uniform. For the younger children, it is in the afternoon so they should arrive in uniform and they will change in the afternoon.

More Happenings...

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Every year, children elect a representative from each year group to sit on the school council. They communicate any issues that are important to them and their peers, make decisions about things that affect them and organise charity fundraising events. They selected this year's school charity Special Effect and have already arranged the coin trail activity. Let's see what's next!

Our school councillors this year are Chloe, Isaac (Y6), Phoebe, Jack, Leighton, Will and Walter. They are doing a great job!

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

We love the *Class Dojo* app - children can design their own avatars and are given praise and rewards on the big screen. It's also useful for teachers and school staff when communicating school matters to you. Please note that you as parents and carers can contact us directly through the app about school and class-related matters, e.g. a homework question. I just ask that it is used Mon-Fri between 8am and 5pm only please - teachers are not logged in outside of these times.

For matters about attendance or other significant issues, please call the school by telephone on 016973 51384. If you can not get through straight away, please leave a voice message and we will pick it up.

DANCE WORKSHOP

We are delighted to be taking pupils in Years 3 & 4 to a dance workshop at Carlisle Dance Academy on Wednesday 13th November.

Please see the separate letter which is being sent out.

NAMES IN CLOTHING

Inevitably, items of uniform can get mixed up from time to time - this is especially true of jumpers and cardigans. We would be grateful if you could take a moment to write your child's name on the label. This will help to ensure that all children go home with the correct uniform items. Thank you.



Upcoming Events



DIARY DATES

Wed 6th Nov - Final forest school

Thu 7th Nov - RSPB visit Y2-6

Wed 13th Nov - William Hare visit Y5&6

Wed 13th Nov - Y3&4 dance festival

Mon 18th Nov - Play In A Day - Y5&6

Wed 11th Dec - Christmas jumper day and craft afternoon

Tue 17th Dec, 9:30 - Christmas performance - all pupils

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas lunch

Fri 20th Dec - Last day of term - party clothes for an afternoon disco.

KEEP
CALM
AND
LET THE
ADMIN
HANDLE IT

STAFF SHOUT-OUT

We would struggle to function without our greatly-valued school administrator Mrs Cozens.

She truly goes above and beyond her job description, always with a keen eye on the horizon.

When I first landed at Bowness School, one of the things that struck me the most was just how much Mrs Cozens does! She certainly makes my job an awful lot easier.

I'm sure you will all join me in saying a big 'thank you'!

FOR MORE ABOUT
OUR SCHOOL:

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