



# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2017

# Happy New Year!

**Welcome to..... Harriet and her family who has joined us in Class 3 (Year 5).**

**Thanks** for all the help from the CSFA with the refreshments and raffles at the Christmas performances and to The Vic Trustees who helped us and gave their support. We hope you enjoyed the plays. The children and staff worked really hard and had a great time, doing what we felt were, two brilliant performances!

**Thanks** also for the Christmas presents you kindly gave to staff, they were very much appreciated.

**After School Clubs** - A letter for this term's offer will be sent with a reply slip to book.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....**The Governors are working on plans for an after school service (childcare) which we intend to trial in the Summer term (after the Easter holidays) and the Autumn term (i.e. next school year first term). There will be more information about this soon.

### Swimming Week – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February

Y1-6 children swim each morning at Penrith pool. This is a great opportunity to make sustained progress in swimming skills and is the PE curriculum for this week. The children are grouped by confidence and ability. The children will need to bring their kit every day and we will travel to the pool by coach after registration. Nursery and Reception children will be in school as usual.



**Swimmers need:** swimwear  
towel  
goggles (if they normally wear them)  
any swimming aid they need in the pool

**PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING – INCLUDING ALL THEIR CLOTHES – THANK YOU**

If you want your child to have a booster seat on the coach, please provide a named one (coaches are exempt from booster seat requirements).

### 100 Mile Challenge

Due to its success last year, we have opted to take part in the 100 Mile Challenge again! The challenge is about promoting healthy lifestyles and increasing exercise and fitness that the whole family can enjoy. The children rose to the challenge last year in amazing fashion, setting and achieving their own personal goals in a number of ways including scooting, running, biking and walking. We will monitor the children's progress each month during school time, with certificate presentations too! Start counting those miles – good luck!

## School Fund-raising Reminder.....

Do you shop online? You can do so and raise money for the school at the same time!

**We are registered with easyfundraising and recently received a cheque for £41.41. Thank you to everyone who is already signed up and helping to donate.**

If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Next, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we would love it if you would sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

So how does it work? You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/culgaithsch> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. So, for example, for every £10 you spend with M&S online, we get 50p cashback from your purchase; £10 spent with Amazon raises 25p for us, £100 with WH Smith puts 20p in our pocket, and so on. easyfundraising have over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

This service is FREE to use, and what's more, joining easyfundraising will give you access to hundreds of exclusive discounts and voucher codes, so not only would you be helping us, you could be saving money yourself.

So, to summarise:

- **FREE TO JOIN & DONATIONS MADE AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU**
- **BUY DIRECT FROM OVER 2,000 BRAND NAME RETAILERS**
- **100s OF EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS AND VOUCHER CODES**

Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/culgaithsch> and start raising money for us.....simply by shopping.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	After school clubs start
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am Swimming gala at Penrith Leisure Centre for some children in Y4, 5 & 6 (letters have been sent home for those involved)
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Poetry Workshops for Class 3 from poet in residence at Dove Cottage
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Hunter Hall cross country competition – Children taking part have received a letter and need a packed lunch
<b>Week beginning Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Open Evenings</b> – Appointment slots will be up in classrooms for you to book yourself in nearer the time.
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming week Y1-6
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February	School starts
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter assembly
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts

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