



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Newsletter

Please see below some important reminders, as always, any questions please pop and see me or send me a message.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 11am** – Santa fun run

Honeybees and Year 1&2 will complete a run in the school grounds. Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to run around the reservoir. The children will change into their full PE kit, they can also bring a Christmas jumper/Christmas hat etc. to wear for the run. Parents are invited to cheer the children on. We also require some volunteers to stand on the route around the reservoir, if you can help, please let me know.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1pm** – Santa visit

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1-4:30pm** - Whole school trip to the Panto at the Sands Centre

We will be leaving school at 1pm and expect to arrive back at 4:30pm, an update will be posted on Class Dojo to confirm. After School Club will run as usual on our return until 5:30pm. I will provide snacks for the children to enjoy during the Panto so they do not need to bring anything with them.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am** - Choir performing at the Duke of Cumberland

Please come and listen to us sing. Festive refreshments will be available.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Honeybee and Bumblebee class Christmas Plays

Honeybee class 9:30am, Bumblebee class 10:15am

Honeybee class 1:15pm, Bumble Bee class 2pm

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner

Please complete the consent form sent on ParentMail to indicate whether your child requires a school Christmas dinner, the Christmas dinner is being funded by the PTFA and school so is free for the children.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3pm** - End of month reward Assembly 3pm

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm** - Whole School Christmas Carol Service St Peters Church Castle Carrock led by Queen Bee Class.

All children to attend wearing festive clothing. At the end of the service, refreshments will be available. The PTFA will draw the Christmas raffle at the end of the service.

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Honeybee and Bumblebee class visit to The Cocoabean Factory

The children need to be at school for 8:45am so we can depart promptly at 9am. We expect to arrive back at approximately 4:45pm. An update will be posted on Class Dojo. The children will need to wear their full school uniform and bring a coat. The children will also need a drink of water and a packed lunch (packed lunches can be ordered on ParentMail).

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term!

The winning house team to wear non-school uniform. The winning house team will be announced during the assembly on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Class News**

### **Honeybee Class**

The glitter came out this week adding that extra bit of sparkle to our Christmas preparations with lots of crafting and creating activities in Honeybees class. From snowmen to unicorns, Christmas trees to robots, the children have been hard at work painting, drawing, building and modelling. The bitterly cold weather also lent itself well to learning opportunities about seasonal changes and some early science understanding of how water turns from a liquid to a solid when the temperature falls. Aside from that, we've been rehearsing our school nativity and keeping busy with lots of reading, writing and fun maths activities.

### **Bumblebee Class**

Bumblebees have been busy in English this week. We have been planning and drafting our letter to Mrs Claus. The children have been thoughtful within their letters as they have asked for presents for people who are special to them using conjunctions to explain. In Maths we have been using written methods to answer addition calculations. We have also been busy practising our Christmas play to ensure our performance next week will blow you away!

### **Queen Bee Class**

Queen Bees have had yet another packed week! We have continued our VIPERS texts and are gaining a strong understanding of the respective books we are covering – A Christmas Carol Year 5&6 and Matilda in Year 4. We have been looking at fractions in Maths and are building a good knowledge base for what we will cover in the coming weeks. In English, we have been learning about recounts. We have identified the features within a recount and explained why we include these in our writing. Finally, our trip to Beamish Museum on Wednesday was a roaring success! The children gained new knowledge and perspectives of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries which will not only help us with our history work, but also gives us a great collection of events to base our own recounts on.

Yours Faithfully,

Miss A. Carroll



Head of School