



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **Newsletter**

We have truly had a week to remember! We started the week with Team Queen Bees dressing to impress for their interviews. The extra touches the children prepared really blew me away - just amazing!

On Tuesday we announced our wonderful Ofsted results and feedback. The children spent the rest of the day 'jumping for joy,' it was a wonderful day full of memories. Thank you for your kind words following our results.

### **Jobs – Team Queen Bee Class**

Our wonderful Team Queen Bees really impressed us earlier in the week when they interviewed for their roles in school. I am delighted to announce that all children now have a new and exciting role in the school giving them responsibility and shared ownership of how our school will continue to develop and grow. All children received a phone call to inform them of their new position (please check voicemails if you did not receive a phone call).

### **Clubs**

Clubs are now available to book on ParentMail, they are initially for years 1-6. We will be running clubs for Reception children later in the year. If you or anyone you know would like to run an after-school club at Castle Carrock, please let me know.

### **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 3-4:30pm.**

We are very excited to announce that we have been invited to perform at the Carlisle light switch on. I am not sure what we will be doing yet but I wanted to give you as much notice as possible as I know how busy November can be.

### **Residential – Team Queen Bees**

We have planned an exciting residential for years 4-6 at Robinwood in Alston from March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Further information has been sent to Team Queen Bees on ParentMail.

### **Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> half-term**

These are the dates we have for the autumn term; we will be adding to these dates as trips and visits are organised.

**Every Friday 3pm** – Weekly reward assembly

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Assembly and coffee morning

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Cycle to school week

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Grandparents Day 2pm including Macmillan coffee morning followed by our end of the month assembly.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception children parents phonics session 9:15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu vaccinations

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival 2:30pm St Peter's Church

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – End of the month assembly

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## **Class News**

### **Team Honeybees**

The highlight of the week in Honeybees class has to be the bouncy castle which the children thoroughly enjoyed and expected to still be on the school field the next day! It was great to see so much joy and laughter and luckily the weather played ball, making it a perfect, memorable afternoon for them all. I am very happy to report that Honeybees are beginning to settle down into their new school routines and it is wonderful to see them forging new friendships as they explore our setting and establish themselves in the class. They are all keen to learn and are working hard on practising writing their names and counting by rote up to 20. Our topic, All About Me, has also led to some great conversations about their home lives, their likes and dislikes and what makes them special and unique.

### **Team Bumblebees**

Bumblebees have had a busy first full week back at school. We started our new English Poetry unit. We have been looking at different poems and how they use rhyme to help create a picture in the reader's mind. The children have been writing their own sets of rhyming words. Year 3 had the challenge of finding the repeating pattern of rhyme in their poems. In Maths we started our new Place Value unit. Year 1 have been focusing on numbers up to 10, year 2 have been identify the tens and ones in a 2-digit number and year 3 have started to look at numbers to 100. We also started our new History and Science topics. Year 1 and 2 are learning all about The Gunpowder Plot in History with Mrs Helliwell. Year 3 are learning about The Romans with Miss Moynan, we started with learning about how the Romans conquered Britain. In Science Year 1 and 2 are learning all about growth, we started by looking at what animals need to survive. Year 3 are learning about sound with Miss Carroll, they have been learning how sounds are made.

### **Team Queen Bees**

In our first full week back for Team Queen Bees, we enjoyed our OFSTED announcement and subsequent trip to Fusion trampoline park - most of the fun was had by knocking Mr Flanagan into the ball pits! In the classroom, we have begun to look at writing an adventure story. To help us build up our knowledge of what an adventure story is, we have looked closely at how we use figurative language in our work and the different types we may chose to use in our stories. In Maths, we have been securing our knowledge of place value in our appropriate year groups and practicing our fluency every day to ensure our recall of key facts is rapid. Finally, in History years 5&6 started our new topic all about Ancient Greece where the children have mapped the main periods of Ancient Greece on a timeline which we will continue to add to throughout the unit. Year 4 are learning about The Romans with Miss Moynan, they started with learning about how The Romans conquered Britain.

King Regards,

Miss A. Carroll



Headteacher