



# NEWSLETTER



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## Headteacher's Headlines

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this half-term and to wish you all a restful break with your families. We hope that you enjoy coming to see our scarecrow this week as part of the village scarecrow trail.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Harvest Festival

Thank you for helping us to make our Harvest Festival a wonderful celebration. The children sang their hearts out and spoke confidently. The food donations will be taken to Carlisle Foodbank.

## Cross-Country Race – Carlisle Sheepmount

Huge congratulations to the pupils who represented our school at the Cross-Country Race in Carlisle, whether they came 19<sup>th</sup> or 80<sup>th</sup> they were all amazing. A big thank you to the parent volunteers for helping with this event especially on such a cold morning.

## Whole school assembly – Community play park

We are very grateful to Claire Rawsthorn for coming into school to deliver a whole school assembly about the development of the Glebe field. The children have been invited to get involved with the planting of native trees.

## Team QB and BB October half-term homework project

Printed copies have been sent home with the children to work on over half-term. The children need to bring their projects into school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Year 6 - Transferring to Secondary School

The closing date for your application for transferring to secondary school is 31 October 2023.

## School dinner menu

There is a new school dinner menu for winter, this is available to view on Class Dojo and the notice board outside school.

## Class News

### Team Honeybees

What a busy half term in Honeybees class! We've painted, we've crafted, we've played all kinds of role play games inside and out. We've been on nature walks, visited a farm, practised early PE skills, learned how to sit in assemblies, performed at Harvest Festival, made new friends, taken on board a whole heap of rules, routines and expectations, explored early mathematical concepts, begun to learn how to read and write and thought lots about what makes us special and unique and our place in the world. Phew!

The good news is we have all survived, with not too many coughs and colds, and there has been much fun, learning and laughter along the way.

Now it's time to stop and recharge. Well done Honeybees on a great start to the new academic year. We look forward to doing it all again next half term when our topic focus will be the wonderful world of Julia Donaldson books with, no doubt, lots of Christmas cheers thrown into the mix. Happy half term

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## Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a busy last week of term. In English we have written our set of instructions on how to make a delicious sandwich. They have been able to use all the features required. Our year 1 and 2 children have particularly enjoyed giving commands and Year 3 have confidently used time adverbials in their writing. In maths Year 1 have been expanding their knowledge of addition and subtraction using their knowledge of fact families. Year 2 have used different types of resources to add and subtract crossing 10. Year 3 have been solving problems using column addition and subtraction crossing tens. In Geography our year 3 Bumblebees have discussed why a key is useful. We looked at a birds-eye view of a section of Castle Carrock without a key, and then one with to compare. We discussed how the key supported us to identify different features, like transport and buildings. During our topic day we were explored the history of Sycamore Gap, we wrote in role exploring the feelings and experiences the tree had over its life. As part of our topic day, we also investigated what different foods look under the microscope.

## Team Queen Bees

In Maths we have been using the four operations - focussing on multiplication - to solve problems and practice formal methods. Our Year 6 children have also been learning how to use the written method for short division. In English, we have been exploring poetry that uses imagery; assessing the techniques that are used to paint images in a reader's mind and coming up with some of our own examples of figurative language to use in our future writing. Our afternoons this week, have been a dynamic mix of science where the children used microscopes to complete investigations including making magnifiers using droplets of water. In Geography, the children have been investigating different extreme weather types; exploring the causes and impacts of different weathers and researching notable examples of each.

King Regards,

Miss A. Carroll

Headteacher

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** - October Year 3-6  
Tullie House trip

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**November** - Parents Evening

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Years  
4-6 Fellfoot forward project

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Yr 5&6** -  
Netball tournament WHS

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Toddler  
group invited into school

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Individual  
school photos.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Team** -  
Bumblebee class Vue cinema trip