



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Newsletter

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Clubs have now finished for this half term, information will be sent out regarding our new clubs which will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and run for four weeks.

### Football team

A huge congratulations to our football team who represented our school at William Howard last Saturday. They finished third in their group and made it through to the semi-finals. Well done to the team and thanks to our loyal supporters. Please remember to return football kits to school.

### Parking near school

For the safety of our pupils, please can any parents who drive to school either park at the top of the lane or on the main road, please do not park outside of the school gates.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Parents evening

Please remember to book your parents evening on ParentMail. If you require an alternative date/time, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### PTFA Halloween Disco

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30-7pm at The Watson Institute we will be celebrating Halloween. Tickets cost £4 in advance or £5 on the door.

### Scarecrow trail

We cannot wait for you to come and see our scarecrow! The Scarecrow trail is running from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Maps cost £1. The money raised is being shared between Castle Carrock Primary School and The Community Field.

### Topic day

On Thursday we will be taken part in a topic day focusing on investigating using microscopes and learning more about Sycamore Gap. We can't wait to share our learning with you.

### Upcoming dates:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival 2:30pm St Peter's Church

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Cross Country Sheepmount Carlisle for selected pupils

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Honey Bee Class trip to The Beeches Farm Carlisle

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – PTFA Halloween Disco, 5:30-7pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for half term

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Scarecrow trail

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Back to school

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Years 3-6 Tullie House trip The Roman Dig

## **Class News**

### **Team Honeybees**

Autumn is always an exciting time in Early Years as the season starts to work its magic and gorgeous coloured leaves and shiny conkers fall to the ground. Natural materials provide all kinds of hands-on learning opportunities, and we make the most of it in Honeybees where the children have been pattern making, sorting, size ordering, weighing and measuring with conkers, acorns, pine cones, twigs and leaves. Alongside this, excitement has been growing about performing our song Dingle Dangle scarecrow at the Harvest Festival and the classic children's book, The Little Red Hen, has helped get everyone in the mood for our first trip of the year to discover more about harvest at The Beeches Farm in Carlisle.

### **Team Bumblebees**

This week Team Bumblebees have had a very busy week! In English we have been learning about instructions, we started with the features of instructions then we looked at sequencing and comparing sets of instructions. In maths we've continued with addition and subtraction, this week Year 1 have been finding parts to make a whole which will lead them nicely into subtraction next week. Year 2 have been adding 1s and 10s where they have crossed the tens, so they've been using exchange. Finally, Year 3 have been introduced to column addition without crossing the ten. In Science, Year 1&2 have been learning about how exercise helps our bodies, and why we need to keep active! In History, year 3 and 4 have been learning about the changes the Romans made and the impact it had on life in Britain. We have also been practising for our Harvest festival on Monday, we can't wait to show you what we've been doing!

### **Team Queen Bees**

This week in Queen Bees we have drafted, edited and typed up our balanced arguments debating the question: 'How should a 16-year-old vandal be punished'. Our children showed great enthusiasm and articulated their opinions very well throughout the topic, considering the potential impact of both a lenient and a harsh punishment on the boy in question.

In Maths, we have continued our work around the four operations. Children have investigated multiples, factors and have increased their knowledge of different times tables by acquiring skills to quickly identify if a number is in a given times table.

Our afternoons this week, have been filled with a great variety of work. In History, we have looked at Athens and Sparta - comparing the similarities and differences between both and ultimately articulating which we would rather have been a citizen of. In Science, we have looked at the work of Mary Anning and how she paved the way for science to begin using fossils to piece together the past. Finally, in PE the children have been refining their netball skills - focussing a great deal on the tactics of the game and how to adapt to live game situations.

King Regards,

Miss A. Carroll



Headteacher