



## Headteacher's Headlines

We have made it through the longest month of the year – January! Fingers crossed we have some warmer weather coming as we head towards spring.

It was wonderful to hear all about the learning in Bumblebee Class during our assembly today - well done Team Bumblebees! We are looking forward to Queen Bees Class Assembly next term.

Finally, I would like to say a huge you to our parent helpers who joined us on our KS2 visit to Durham Cathedral. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school and we are incredibly proud of the respect they demonstrated throughout the visit and the questions they asked.

## Water Safety Workshop – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

On Monday, Years 1-6 are taking part in a Water Awareness Workshop delivered by The Lake District National Park. The workshop covers a range of subjects including Maths, Geography and Science.

## Chinese New Year school dinner – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Sylvia has a delicious menu ready for Chinese New Year - please book as usual on ParentMail.

## Garden Meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm

Children and families are welcome to stay to meet the tree surgeon and hedge layer to discuss the garden project.

## Team winners – Irving House Non-Uniform Day - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

As Team Irving did not get their non-uniform day due at the end of last term, they are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## Wheelchair Basketball

Unfortunately, Nat had to cancel the Wheelchair Basketball on 1<sup>st</sup> February due to illness, we are pleased to confirm this has been rescheduled for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## SAVE THE DATE - Community Hedge Laying Event – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Save the date - more information to follow.

## Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We are looking forward to taking part in Internet Safety Day. Please check Class Dojo for our parents' newsletter on internet safety.

## Volunteers

We would like to officially welcome two volunteers to Castle Carrock, Helen and Allison. They are listening to readers across school. If you are interested in volunteering or you would like to lead an after-school club, please let us know.

## Extra- Curricular Clubs

Only Origami club will run next Wednesday to replace the cancelled session this week. The rest of the clubs have finished for this half-term. We have new and exciting clubs coming up next term including the return of our running club, MBA Football and lots more!



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## Class News

### Team Honeybees

In Honeybees, the children enjoyed making Christingles and talking to Rev Johnsen. The children have been learning about odd and even numbers with lots of play centred on making pairs and doubles and combining two numbers together. Our book focus has been the tale of the Greedy Zebra which has provided a great stimulus for drawing, writing and crafting and has also led to some scientific thinking about animals who have fur, animals who have feathers and animals who have scales – perfect for our school trip next week to the Lake District Wildlife Park.

### Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a very exciting week. We have continued learning the features of a diary entry, ready for our writing next week. In Maths, year 1 and 2 have been practising their addition and subtraction skills in relation to the different lengths and heights of objects. Year 3 have been learning about perimeter, they have been measuring, calculating and drawing the perimeter of different shapes. In Geography we talked about trading responsibly, what this means and why it is important. In Science, we learnt how switches work, and how they give us control over the electrical circuits. Year 1 and 2 had great fun creating ‘Baby Bear’s chair’ in DT, they used different resources to make sure the chair was stable. Finally, Year 3 had an amazing time at Durham Cathedral. They were very respectful when there and they engaged with different tasks and asked many questions.

### Team Queen Bee

This week in Queen Bees, the year 4 and 5 pupils have been looking at the use of figurative language in poetry. We have been using similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, personification, repetition, and alliteration to make our poems come to life. Miss Johnson has been so impressed by the standard of poetry produced so far in this unit and is really looking forward to seeing what the children write next week for their independent write. In maths, we are now working on using formal methods to add and subtract decimal numbers before finishing the unit at the end of the week. In Geography, we have continued our work on oceans and have begun to look more closely at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. The children have been researching what makes the reef so unique and have been using maps and scale bars to find the reef’s location and size. Finally, on Wednesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Durham Cathedral. The children did a wonderful job representing the school whilst learning about the history of the cathedral.

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Water Workshops – Years 1-6
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Internet Safety Day
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Chinese New Year school dinner
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Garden meeting 3:30pm
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Nursery, Reception, Year 1&2 Trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Irthing Team non-school uniform
	End of term
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Back to school