



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24th June 2022

This week

Another week full of learning and adventures here at Dearham. Today we have a school full of green and your generosity has been amazing. In a time when everyone is struggling to cover the costs of everyday life you have sent in a huge amount to help. Thank you just really doesn't cover it.

We held our annual village run for Key Stage 2 children on Tuesday. We have some amazing runners here at Dearham. Well done to our first, second and third place children who were: Maisie, Lola and Nikola for the girls, and Bobby, Jack and Lloyd for the boys. Well done to everyone who managed to do the run and thank you to everyone who lined the route and came along to support the children.

Weekly attendance

Results for the week 13th to 17th June

Nursery – 94.82%

Reception – 96%

Year 1- 90.69%

Year 2 – 94.14%

Year 3 – 93.87%

Year 4 – 98.79%

Year 5 Mrs Ivison – 90%

Year 5 Mr Blease – 96.47%

Year 6 – 94.29%

Well done everyone and thank you.

Uniform Grant and Free School Meals

Cumbria County Council has allocated £2million to the Cost of Living Fund. The aim is to help those people who need it the most in the country. £500,000 extra funding has been allocated to the school clothing grant which would mean parents who are eligible can receive a clothing grant of £50 for each primary school child.

There is more information on the link below:

[Apply for free school meals and clothing vouchers](#)
[| Cumbria County Council](#)

More funding has also been allocated to free school meals and the application for that can also be found on this link.

Huggy Wuggy

We are seeing and hearing a lot from the children about the Huggy Wuggy character which seems to be doing the rounds at the moment. Whilst this seems to be an innocent toy it is based on a character from a horror video game and is not quite as nice as it may appear. Police and online safeguarding communities are stating that some of the YouTube videos and TikToks relating to this character are unsuitable for children.

Please be cautious if your child is accessing the videos and I would request that no Huggy Wuggy toys are brought into school. Thank you.

FODS

Thank you to the ladies who attended the FODS meeting on Wednesday. Activities for the autumn term were planned and it was agreed donations would be made to school for books in all classes and extra nice bits that the school budget doesn't stretch to. The donations are always gratefully received in school.

The AGM for FODS is in the diary for Wednesday 28th September at 7pm in school. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible.

Summer Reading Challenge

Cumbria Libraries are holding their annual summer reading challenge again this year. It always has some great ideas and lovely book suggestions. Have a look here for more information.

[Summer Reading Challenge 2022 | Cumbria County Council](#)

A bit of a do

One of the activities agreed to be supported by FODS was a bit of a summer fete. Not on the scale of previous years, but hopefully with a raffle, tombola, face painting and so on. The biggest attraction of the afternoon will be the opportunity to soak Year 6 (and me apparently). So come along at 3:25 on the 18th July and hire a bucket and sponge to soak a year 6!

Dearham has got talent.

Just a reminder we are holding our Year 5 and 6 Dearham's Got Talent show in the sports hall on Wednesday 20th July at 6pm.

If your child has a hidden talent that they are ready to share please encourage them to participate.

Summer Showcase

The children are currently incredibly busy rehearsing for the summer showcase at the Carnegie on 7th July. Tickets are on sale now. If your child is in key stage 2 (years 3-6) they will have had a letter about tickets and how to get them.

From listening to and watching some of the rehearsals I can tell the show is going to be spectacular.

Staffing

I know you will want to know which staff are going where in September and who will be working with your child. We have a Governors meeting on Monday evening and I am out of school at a conference on Tuesday so on Wednesday I'll send out the information about organisation for next year.

Dates for your diary

The same list with a few extras highlighted

- 27th June – Y6 cricket at school
- 28th June – Cockermouth transition day 1
- 29th June – Cockermouth transition day 2
- 29th June – Year 3 trip to the Roman Museum at Maryport
- 1st July – KS2 Commonwealth sports day at Carlisle
- 5th July – Netherhall transition day
- 5th July – move up day. Children meet their new teachers
- 5th July – Year 6 SATs results received
- 6th July – Taste of the Seas second workshop in school
- 6th July – Nursery open afternoon for new starters
- 7th July – Summer showcase at the Carnegie
- 11th July – Reception trip to Clip and Climb
- 12th July – Parent forum
- 13th July – Y6 cricket competition at Cockermouth details to be confirmed
- 13th July – Y5 Brockhole visit
- 13th July – Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic
- 14th July – reports to parents
- 14th July – Year 6 end of school party
- 15th July – summer picnic lunch
- 18th July – Summer fete and soak a year 6
- 19th July – YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
- 20th July – nursery last day
- 20th July – Dearham has got talent
- 21st July – school closes for summer