



NEWSLETTER

As another school year draws to an end, I've been reflecting on some of the exciting events of the summer term and looking ahead to next academic year. In this newsletter, you will find some celebrations and some important information.

Chill Factor

It sounds like the children had a fantastic time at Chill Factor where they were able to develop skills in skiing and rock climbing as well as having lots of fun in the snow park! We love being able to offer these experiences for our pupils – hopefully memories to last a lifetime!



Radio Club

Earlier in the year, Mr Rodgers ran Radio Club where the children created radio pieces on our school through a variety of methods such as interview, poems and raps! These featured on BBC Radio Cumbria in two parts over the last few weeks. I was very impressed with all of the children and the results sound so professional! Thank you to Mr Rodgers for running the club and organising this with BBC Radio Cumbria. Below are the links for you to listen:

Part 1: [Val Armstrong - 28/06/2023 - BBC Sounds](#) (approximately from 22mins 30)

Part 2: [Val Armstrong - 05/07/2023 - BBC Sounds](#) (approximately from 22mins 30)

Reception, Year 1 and 2 Outdoor day at CastleHead

Reception and KS1 enjoyed their outdoor adventure day. They loved setting animal traps and were excited to tell me that they'd caught some voles. They also dissected owl pellets to see what had been eaten. In the afternoon, KS1 rock scrambled at Humphrey Head then did a blindfolded trail after tea.

SIAMS

We had our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) this half term and are so proud to be able to share the results with you. This went out in a letter and on Facebook but in case you missed it: We have been judged 'excellent' in both the impact of collective worship and as our overall grade. The inspector especially noted a deep awareness of spirituality which runs through everything, high-quality pupil-led worship, values of trust and forgiveness, and the effective use of stories to explore world religions. The report is available to read on our website

<https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/siams-report/>.



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London

Year 6 had a fab day in London with their friends at Selside! They rode the underground, went on the London Eye, visited some of the sights such as Downing Street and Big Ben, had lunch in St James' Park near the pelicans, a tour of the Houses of Parliament and finished with a well-earned meal at Pizza Express.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came to Sports Day to support the children. It was a great afternoon where the children showed off their PE skills through a range of carousel activities and some fun races.

Summer Reading Challenge

I encourage you to sign your children up for the Summer Reading Challenge with the public library. Signing up is free, you just need to be a library member (which is also free!). The details of this are below:

It's Summer Reading Challenge time again! This year the theme is Ready, Set, Read! So, join us as we get into reading, get active and enjoy a whole new Summer Reading Challenge.

For more information visit:

The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge website

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Westmorland & Furness Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

<https://legacy.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/libraries/summerread.asp>

All completers of the Challenge will be entered into a prize draw for a Kindle eReader generously provided by the Cumberland Building Society.

Breakfast Club

From September 2023, school will be taking over the management of Breakfast Club. There will be little change as the club will still run at nursery, at the same time (7:45 – 8:40), same booking process, same price and same staffing. The main change for parents is that payments will now be done through school using Parent Pay. If this applies to you, Mrs Wood will set this up in September.

Last Day of Term

The last day of the summer term is Wednesday 19th July. Our Year 6 Leavers Assembly will start at 9:15 am and all are welcome to attend. The school day will finish at 2pm and there will be no Fun Club.

Westmorland Show

On Thursday 14th September, we have arranged for all pupils Reception – Year 6 to go to the Westmorland Show. A letter will go out with more details at the start of the new school year.

Timings of the School Day

You will have recently had a letter outlining a small change to the timings of the school day. The government have outlined plans for all mainstream schools to provide a 32.5 hour week / 6.5 hour days. To meet this requirement, we will be extending the end of our school day by 5 minutes from September 2023. The doors will open at 8:45am with school officially starting at 8:50am and now ending at 3:20pm.

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Uniform

As you may be sorting uniform for next term over the holidays, I wanted to remind you of our uniform. Information can always be found on our website here <https://www.lindale.cumbria.sch.uk/school-uniform/>. Children wear a red sweatshirt/jumper, grey/black trousers or skirt, white shirt/blouse, with black, flat school shoes/boots (not trainers). P.E. clothes should include gym shoes or trainers, (black or white), white T-shirt, black shorts and a P.E. bag in which to keep them. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

Priorities for Next Year

We are always looking for ways to improve and we have identified some key priorities to work on next year. I've outlined some of our main priorities below:

- Development of our curriculum with a focus on foundation subjects
- Focus on KS2 reading
- Review of our behaviour policy to make it more accessible and user-friendly
- Continued focus on Maths and English including closing gaps through catch up interventions

We have already started working on these and there will be a detailed handover period between myself and Mrs Barnsley in September.

From all the staff and governors, we wish you a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you and your children again in September.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Curwen

Dates

Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am all welcome School breaks up for the summer holidays. School closes at 2pm with no Fun Club
Wednesday 6 th September	Children return to school
Thursday 14 th September	Reception – Year 6 trip to the Westmorland Show