

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.  
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The next 3 weeks are busy with lots of Christmas activities and other events, and we hope to give our children our normal Christmas experiences within school. However, please be aware that due to COVID-19, details of all events may need to change at the last minute, and updates will be posted on our school website and also sent via email so please ensure you check this regularly.

### **End term – FRIDAY 17 December 2021**

To confirm following our last Newsletter, **our last day of this term is Friday 17 December**, as we have set Monday 6 June 2022 (following our May Half Term break) as our additional Bank Holiday this year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **Children In Need – 19 November**

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need this year – we raised over £70 to help make a life changing difference for children in need!



### **Christmas Dinner**

If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to join us for Christmas Dinner next Wednesday, please complete the slip below and return by Monday 29 November, along with £2.10.

### **PTA Santa Dash and Movie Night– 10 December**

The PTA have organised a Santa Dash around our new Mile Track, to have some fun and raise money for our school at the same time. Please see attached sponsor Form, and contribute if you can. Children are welcome to wear Christmas themed clothes e.g. Christmas jumper, Santa costume/hat.

Following the Santa Dash, the PTA are also organising a Christmas Movie Night. If your child would like to attend, please complete the attached reply slip, and return by Wednesday 1 December so that the PTA can plan accordingly.

### **Pantomime at the Sands Centre – 15 December**

The PTA have organised our annual trip to The Sands Centre to see the Cinderella pantomime on Wednesday 15 December, travelling to The Sands Centre on a coach from Telfords. Due to COVID and also building work at The Sands Centre, we are unable to eat our lunch there as we normally would, so will be back in school for a late lunch. Please complete the attached reply slip confirming your permission for your child to attend. If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, we require an adult to accompany your child. If your child does not want to attend, please indicate below so that we can provide alternative provision.

*"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019*

*Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018*



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**Christmas Play – Thursday 16 December**

We hope to be able to perform our Christmas play “Straw and Order” for our parents and carers this year, and to enable this, we will be allocating a maximum of 2 tickets to each family for both the afternoon and evening performance. This will enable us to limit numbers and ensure social distancing for families. We will not be able to allocate more than 2 tickets to any performance, and trust that you understand the reasons for this decision. More information on tickets will follow soon.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Batey,  
Head Teacher

**CUMBRIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE  
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021/2022 (REVISED)**

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 2 September	Friday 17 December	Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Number of school days in term – 71

**SPRING TERM 2022**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 5 January	Friday 1 April	Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February

Number of school days in term – 58

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 20 April	Wednesday 20 July	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Number of schools days in term – 60

Good Friday – 15 April  
Easter Sunday – 17 April

Early May Bank Holiday  
Monday 2 May

**Number of days in year – 189** (Reduced from 190 due to additional Bank Holiday on 3 June to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

**INSET Days/Sessions**

The 190 day school year identified above makes no provision for the additional 5 days non-contact time for which full-time teachers are contracted.

Therefore, any INSET sessions should be arranged either outside the above school term dates or outside pupil hours.

The following dates are suggested as dates that could be used for INSET: -

Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Tuesday, 4 January 2022

Tuesday, 19 April 2022

Plus two others, to be locally determined.

Date	Who for	Event	Home needs to...
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 3	Sports Hall Athletics Competition for selected athletes	○ Provide clean PE kit and trainers
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Baby & Toddlers	Baby & Toddlers Group – in hall 1:30-3:30pm – everyone welcome	○ Turn up!
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Class 3	History Visit to Penrith Museum and Long Meg	○ Some of this trip is outdoors, so please provide spare footwear, warm clothing and waterproof trousers if your child has them
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole School	Christmas Dinner with your school friends. Followed by Christmas Art afternoon	○ If your child doesn't normally have a school dinner, please reply and pay by Monday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Thurs, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Whole School	Rachel from NISCU's Christmas After-school club – an hour of singing, crafts and chat. (limit of 15 places)	○ If your child does not attend Art Club on Thursday, please sign up by returning reply slip ASAP
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Baby & Toddlers	Baby & Toddlers Christmas Party – in hall 1:30-3:30pm	○ Inform Mrs Elwen of attendance
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	Christmas Party – wear something Christmassy (sensible shoes and coats still)	○ Dressed appropriately
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	PTA – SANTA DASH – 2:45pm Christmas fund raising fun run round our mile track	○ Collect sponsorship & donations
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	PTA – Christmas Movie Night in school hall (details to follow)	○ RSVP with money ○ Collect at 5:30pm
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Baby & Toddlers	Baby & Toddlers Group – in hall 1:30-3:30pm – everyone welcome	○ Turn up!
TBC	Choir	Carol Singing in outside courtyard at Eskdale House and community	○ Details to follow
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	PTA – Pantomime at the Sands Centre – morning, travelling by coach.	○ RSVP
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	Christmas Play Performance – afternoon and evening	○ Details and tickets to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	Christmas and Christingle Service at Church	○ 2pm St. Mary's, Stapleton – more details to follow
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School	Final Day of term	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole School	First Day of SPRING TERM	○ Be at school for 8:45am

**Permission/reply slips**

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**Christmas Dinner – please only complete if your child normally has a pack lunch**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would

- like to have Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 1 December and I enclose £2.10
- not like Christmas Dinner and I will send a pack lunch

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian

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**Rachel from NISCU Christmas After School Club – please only complete if your child doesn't normally attend Thursday Club**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would

- like to attend NISCU Christmas After School Club

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian

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**PTA Christmas Movie Night**

- I give my permission for my child / children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend PTA Movie Night and enclose £5 (additional siblings at £3, then £1 for each further sibling)

My child(ren) has the following food allergies:

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian

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**Pantomime at the Sands Centre – 15 December**

- I give my permission for my child / children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend 'Cinderella' at The Sands Centre

- I DO NOT give my permission for my child / children \_\_\_\_\_ to attend 'Cinderella' at The Sands Centre

- My child is in Nursery or Reception and the adult attending with them is \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Guardian