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Dear parents

Flood crisis – coping with excess rainwater has been high on everyone's priority list this week, and our sympathies go to everyone struggling in this unprecedented situation. Thankfully the school itself was unaffected by flooding, and I have already extended my grateful thanks on our website to the people who worked tirelessly to sandbag the entrance over the weekend. My thanks also to everyone who has battled their way through surface water and diversions to keep the school open and functioning. Hopefully things can only get better from now on.

Temporary administrative difficulties – some of you may have noticed that Lisa has been absent from the school office on sick leave. Chloe Randall, already known to us as Clerk to the Governors, is sitting at Lisa's desk until the end of the term, but naturally is not as quick at Lisa as finding answers to questions posed. As we have also suffered – and happily recovered from! – a nasty attack by computer virus, the week has been a little chaotic. We are extremely grateful for all the help received from other sources such as our superb IT specialist; Lisa's colleagues in other schools, and the endless patience of our own staff.

Baboushka – many thanks to all the staff, parents and children who struggled in adverse circumstances to make this a hugely enjoyable evening, in spite of the weather outside. The children performed expertly, and on behalf of all staff I would like to say how proud we are of them all. The highlight for me was the hour and a half I spent after the performance picking up the manger straw from every surface in the Village Hall: next year, we will consider Astro-turf.

Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th – this will be an "Own Clothes" day for the children (minimum donation 50p please!), and all adults are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers, even those who are only dropping off their children...

Crosby Ravensworth School 100 Club - there were 37 numbers in the December Draw:

First Prize:	-	£9.25	Sabrina Ferguson Number 27
Second Prize:	-	£5.55	Jo Saggars Number 30
Third Prize:	-	£3.70	John-Paul Turnbull Number 33

If you would like to purchase a number, forms are available from Crosby and Maulds Meaburn bus shelters, the front desk at school or can be downloaded from the school website. It is only £8 for the remaining 8 draws and the next draw is on Thursday, 14th January.

The Friends of Crosby Ravensworth School invite you to a **COFFEE MORNING** on Friday 15th January 10.30am – 12pm at CRVH. Tea/Coffee, Raffle, Cake/Bring & Buy Stall. All proceeds for School Funds.

We have been asked to draw attention to the forthcoming performance of "Ugly Duckling" at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall, 3.00 pm on Sunday, 13th December 2015

Finger & Thumb Theatre are Britain's only hand shadow puppet company, and they will perform this funny and enchanting show based on the well-loved tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Everyday objects

including plastic spoons and kitchen colanders become beautiful landscapes and shimmering fish. Combined with simple lighting techniques, live music and breath-taking hand shadows, this is a magical, hour-long show for the whole family, with lots of laughs, fun characters and a few surprises along the way for the ugly little duckling who in the end, turns into a graceful swan. The Ugly Duckling features the trademark hand shadow puppetry of international shadowgrapher, Drew Colby performed to live music by Newcastle's Penny Callow. The show is highly visual and uses beautiful light scapes, whimsical humour, original music and some popular pieces of swan music by Tchaikovsky to tell the story.

The show forms part of Highlights Rural Touring Schemes' autumn season of shows appearing in village halls and small communities across the county. Bring your children, grandchildren or borrow someone else's (with permission, of course!) for a pre-Christmas treat. Tickets are £5 child | £7 adult | £20 family in advance from me or on the door.

Snow Queen, 13 January: The Theatre By the Lake have been in touch to warn members of the audience for their production of the Snow Queen that a mirror ball will be used in their performance which 'might affect those who suffer from photosensitivity.' Parents with concerns should contact the box office on: 017687 74411

Askham Hall Christmas Market: this was cancelled last weekend because of the floods. It is rescheduled for this Sunday, 13th December, and an amended flyer is attached (to the electronic version of the bulletin). The flyer notes that funds are being raised for the Cumbria Flood Appeal.

LAST DAY OF TERM and Chistingle Service, 1.00 pm

Just a reminder that we will finish at 2 pm on Thursday 17 December, and this is when the minibuses will be coming to collect children. If you will be coming to the Christingle service, you may take your child home from the church, providing that you inform a member of staff. Otherwise, we will walk back to school before sending children home as usual.

Finally, can I remind you of forthcoming dates in Church. This Sunday will be Rev Phil Dew's last ever Christmas Service at Kings Meaburn Chapel. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Next Wednesday at 6.00 pm, we also hope you can join us for Carols at St Lawrence's Church in Crosby Ravensworth.

Dates for your diary

Sunday, 13 December – joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew at 10.30 am

Sunday, 13 December – "Ugly Duckling" at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall, 3.00 pm

Sunday, 13 December – Askham Hall Christmas Market, 11.00 am

Wednesday, 16 December – school Christmas dinner, and Christingle making with David Jones

Wednesday, 16 December – Christmas carols in church, 6.00 pm

Thursday, 17 December – Christingle service in church, 1.00 pm

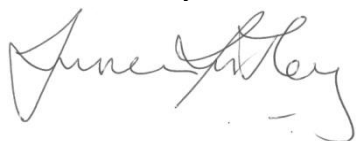
Thursday, 17 December – last day of term – school finishes at 2.00 pm

Tuesday, 5 January – return to school for Spring term 2016

Wednesday, 13 January – whole school visit to the Theatre By The Lake

Wednesday, 24 to Friday, 26 Feb – Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Yours sincerely;



Mr D Priestley

CHRISTMAS MARKET

NEW
DATE



ASKHAM
HALL

Sunday 13 December, 11am–4pm

A festive market in a beautiful setting, with stalls selling an array of local produce, crafts and seasonal gifts. Located in our stunning barn, outside and in our newly refurbished Medieval Banquet Hall. Our café will be open for lunch, mulled wine and mince pies. We've also heard that Father Christmas will be back, welcoming visitors in his magical Christmas grotto!



Raising money for the Cumbrian Flood appeal.

Free entry and parking.



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