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Friday Bulletin

Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parents,

Easter

As previously advertised in the Friday bulletin, the Easter bonnet parade and the Easter Egg competition will take place at the community lunch on Wednesday 5th April at school. If anyone would still like to join us for our community lunch we still have availability, please contact the school office as soon as possible so Freda can prepare. The event is very much open for any members of the community to attend.

Facebook

It was with some relief that I was able to confirm the school would open as usual during Wednesday's adverse weather. Parents might like to know that the decision was confirmed via Facebook at around 8.15am. Please do check our Facebook page regularly for up-to-date news and events through-out the school year. I will endeavour to post some pictures of the children in York next week for parents to follow.

Summer School Fair

Following on from our future of school meetings earlier this year, Nicola has arranged for a slightly larger than usual run of raffle tickets to be printed for the May Fair. We're relying on **everyone** for a bigger push than ever to get each and every book sold this year. Please let us know if and when you'd like more books to sell. Any unsold books must be returned ASAP so they can be re-circulated. Thank you.

The Big Pedal

What an amazing turn out on bikes and Superheroes today. A big well done to all the children who have biked to school this week despite the weather. Only one more week of the challenge to go.

Message from Carolyn

*On Sunday 26th March at 11.00am, Crosby Church will have a special service for Mothering Sunday, led by the Rev Stewart Fyfe, with traditional posies and children's activities. All welcome. **"Don't forget that the clocks go forward on Sunday!"***

Coffee Morning MMVI

*Helen and Joanne are organising a coffee morning in Maulds Meaburn village institute on Saturday 1st April as a fundraiser for school. **They would be grateful for any donations of baking and raffle prizes.** Anything can be given to either Joanne or Helen or left at the school. Anyone who could spare a couple of hours to help on the day would be most welcome.*

School funding crisis

Please see the following information from the Headteachers' Union regarding the response to school funding crisis. This certainly confirms the picture I painted at the first of our 'Future of School' meetings in November. I very much urge parents to respond by writing to their MP to protest against school funding levels as per Graham's closing comments.

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all who provided invaluable comments on school funding which I was able to convey (anonymised) to Nick Gibb [minister for Education], Tim Farron, Rory Stewart, Sue Hayman and John Woodcock, yesterday.

Nick Gibb gave no ground. As stated by Tim Farron in today's News and Star, Nick Gibb did not deny that schools in Cumbria face a £23 million cut in funding by 2020. The cuts to school funding are very real. All schools and academies not already affected soon will be, unless the government changes tack. For all the announcements containing spin about there being lots of money in Education (which they are able to say due to population growth), it is clear that the government is currently expecting schools to weather funding cuts like other sections of the public sector.

Key points I made during the meeting included:

- *current staffing levels in schools reflects the move from meeting SEND in special schools to inclusion in mainstream settings, but that funding cuts threaten to undermine this (note - I also praised the work of Cumbria's special schools).*
- *secondary schools are already cutting whole subjects from their curriculum offer, with the arts and vocational subjects particularly threatened (a concern emphasised by Sue Hayman MP).*

See www.nahtcumbria.org.uk for further details.

*Cumbria is not alone in this. Nationally and regionally, union officials will continue to challenge the government to fund schools appropriately, but I believe that only a tidal wave of disapproval by parents will tip this. Some MPs will only speak out about cuts to education if they receive significant representation from those with the power to re-elect them (or not). **I strongly recommend enlisting a parent or two who have expressed concern to you to spread the word about firing off an email to their local MP.***

Let's raise the volume of protests! Children's immediate futures are at stake

Best regards,

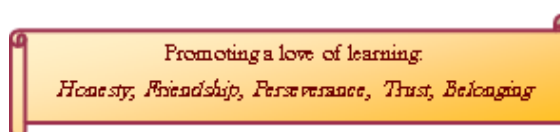
Graham.

Graham Frost

NAHT – Cumbria Branch Secretary



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Message from Claire Kerr - Reminder

The nursery committee are holding an open meeting and invite school parents to come along on WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH at 7.30pm in The Butchers Arms. This meeting is to discuss the possibility of the school joining forces with nursery committee to hold a Charity Auction in July



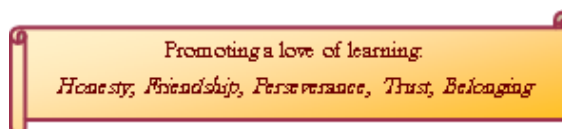
Mr D Priestley
Headteacher

Summary of dates for your diary:

Monday 20 th March	Big Pedal starts for 2 weeks
Saturday 25 th March	Mother's Day coffee morning with stalls – CRVH -10am (Nursery fundraising event)
Sunday 26 th March	Mothering Sunday – St Lawrence's Church – 11am
Monday 27 th March	Y5 – Sex Education Class – Long Marton School
Wednesday 29 th –	
Thursday 30 th March	Y1&Y2 – Art workshop – Milburn School
Friday 31 st March	York Residential – Y5&Y6
Saturday 1 st April	Coffee Morning – MMVH – 10-12 (proceeds for School)
Tuesday 4 th April	Easter Service – St Lawrence's – 2pm
Wednesday 5 th April	Community Lunch – 12pm
Thursday 6 th April	U dance – Class 2
Friday 7 th April	School Closes 2pm – No After School Club
	Bingo – Orton Village Hall – 7.30pm
Saturday 13 th May	School Spring Fair
Sunday 14 th May	Walk and teas (Nursery fundraising event)
Friday 16 th June	Prize bingo – CRVH – 7.30pm (Nursery fundraising event)
Friday 14 th July	Charity auction – CRVH – 7.30pm (Nursery fundraising)



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Please tick which sessions you would like your child to attend:

Monday Film Club ☐

Thursday Cooking Club ☐

Tuesday Nature Club ☐

Friday Cycle Club ☐

Wednesday Moky Kids ☐

Child's Name

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Week beginning: 27th March

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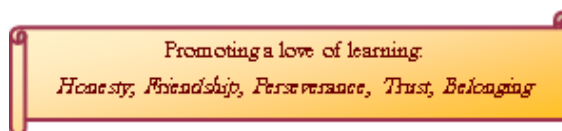
Bike Club permission slip

I give permission for my child / ren at bike club to go out on a supervised local bike ride.

Signed.....



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