

# WHAT'S ON IN MARCH?

## **Attendance/Punctuality:**

We would like to thank our families for the continued support in ensuring your child(ren) are here on time each day and ready to learn and have the best start to their day.

Reminder, if your child is unwell or has any contagious illness, please call 01900 608111 and select Option 1 to leave a message. If you need to use Class DoJo, please message Miss Stagg as the class teacher/assistants do not always have access, especially when learning has started.

If your child happens to be late, please ensure you sign them in at the main office with reason for their lateness. These will be monitored and any patterns/persistent lateness will be reported to the Access and Inclusions Officer at Cumberland Council along with any unauthorised absences that fall within the new government framework.

We pride ourselves on building strong relationships with our families and will always help where we can to ensure your child gets the best start to their education. If you have any concerns/questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our overall attendance so far, this academic year is 92.4% with a target of 95%. Overall attendance since January is 94.4%. Let's see if we can see an improvement going forward and see who wins the race!

## **Road Safety:**

Please can we remind all parent/carers of the importance of road safety and awareness. We have had the opportunity to take all of the children for walks in the local area recently and it has become apparent that a lot of children may lack awareness of the dangers when out and about, particularly near roads. As you know, we are situated near a rather busy road and the zebra crossing is not always the best for cars stopping in time. We must encourage all children to walk sensibly and wherever possible, holding a grown-up's hand and following the high way code – STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN!

## **After School Clubs:**

**Panda Club** (morning) Last session

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Koala Club** (afternoon) Last session

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Cookery Club** (Reception) Last session

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Udance (KS1)** Last session Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## **Nursery multi-skills:**

We have Coach Reece back with us to do some multi-skills sessions each week with Nursery. They have had lots of fun so far.

## **Youth Council:**

Members of our Youth Council will be taking part in a meeting at Helena Thompson Museum on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and litter picking at Northside on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is in partnership with Cumberland Council and other schools will take part with their own Youth Council which is made up of members of our own School Council.

## **SCO Pay:**

This is a reminder that, not only can you pay for meals, wrap-around care and trips via SCO Pay, but you can also book sessions on here too.

You can book any session up to the day before the date. You can book as many sessions as needed. They can still be manually added through the school office, however, if you need to arrange childcare over the weekend or in the evening, you can access this through the app, as not all messages will be seen after hours via DoJo.

## **School Hub:**

Another reminder to order your child(ren)'s meals if they stay for dinner as there are still some that do not have an order and may not get a choice that they would like. You can edit any meal choice up until 9.30am on the day, so do not worry if your child changes their mind, just amend their choice. Salmon goujons have now been replaced with fish fingers going forward. If it still says salmon on the menu, ignore this, it will be fish fingers. Wraps have also been replaced with sandwiches, so please ignore if it says wraps too.

**World Book Day:**

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and invite all children to come to school in their pyjamas and bring along their favourite bedtime story (please ensure your child's name is in the book).

Miss Birch has organised a book stall which will take place in the hall and doors open at 7.50am if you would like to bring along a book to swap with another. If you don't have a book, there will be a selection there that you can take home to enjoy.

**Holi Festival:**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating the Hindu festival – Holi. We love to explore new cultures and learn about how different religions celebrate their faith. We look forward to enjoying this special day with all the children and staff.

**Udance Performance:**

Our children will be performing in the Carnegie Theatre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please refer to your tickets for times etc.

**Chocolate Day:**

We would like to invite all children to come to school in non—uniform on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March and kindly request a chocolate donation to add to our Easter Bingo prizes.

**Easter Bingo:**

We are currently making arrangements to have an Easter Bingo evening for all the family to enjoy in the Parish Rooms on Dean Street. We kindly ask if anyone has any donations they would like to offer for prizes, we would be more than grateful. As soon as a date is secured, we will update you all.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

Miss Birch, who is our reading lead for the whole school, has arranged for a book fair on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a selection of books provided by Scholastic Books and will vary in price. More details to follow.

**Easter Service:**

We will be holding our Easter Service in St Michael's Church but a date and time is yet to be confirmed. This will be for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We will update as soon as we know.

If your child attends Nursery in the afternoon, they will join the service to show off their Easter bonnets that they will make at school. Children may be collected from Church if there is a grown up there for them, if not, they will be taken back to school. Koala Club will run as normal this day.

**Decorate an Egg competition:**

If your child would like to decorate an egg over the Easter holidays, we would like them to bring theirs in on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April when we return. We will open the hall doors between 8am-8.45am for any entries and we will judge them at 9am. Good Luck!

**Hawse End parent's meeting:**

One of the coordinators for Hawse End will be coming in to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April to have a meet and greet with the year 2 parents regarding the residential. This is a great opportunity to find out more about their stay and what is involved and to ask any questions. If you would like to come along, the meeting will start at 3.15pm in the school hall. If your child needs to access Koala Club whilst you attend the meeting, please book via SCO Pay.

### **Dates For the Diary:**

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| World Book Day                | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Holi Festival                 | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| UDance performance            | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March |
| Chocolate Day                 | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Easter Service                | To be confirmed                |
| Easter Bingo                  | To be confirmed                |
| Scholastic Book Fair          | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  |
| Hawse End parent meeting      | Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April  |
| Break up for Easter at 1.15pm | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   |
| Return to school              | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April |
| Decorate an egg competition   | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April |
| Hawse End Residential         | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May   |