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Ofsted Inspection

Senior staff, some governors and the LA general advisor for the school received feedback from Sally Kenyon, the Ofsted inspector, at the end of the day on Wednesday. Everything said at this time is confidential until the report is received. It will come back to school to be checked for any factual inaccuracies, returned and then resent, and so, unfortunately, we will not be able to share the conclusions until after the Christmas break.

The report will describe both the strengths of the school and the areas where improvement is needed. The way it works in inspections is that the report gives a tight focus on what the school needs to do next and the school itself decides on how to best tackle any issues highlighted. You will all be kept in the loop once that is possible!

Thank you to those parents who completed the online questionnaire and a big thank you to the children who as usual were charming, welcoming and helpful!

School Play

What a fantastic evening had by everyone! I am sure you will all agree that the children were brilliant and made us all incredibly proud! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 19th December, Mrs Jenkinson is making a Christmas party food lunch for everyone and we thought it would be a great idea to properly get into the festive spirit and come in our Christmas jumpers...staff included!

Christmas Celebration

We hope that you are able to join us on Thursday 20th December at 1:30pm for our Christmas Celebration. The children have put together a lovely performance and we hope you can make it!

Swimming

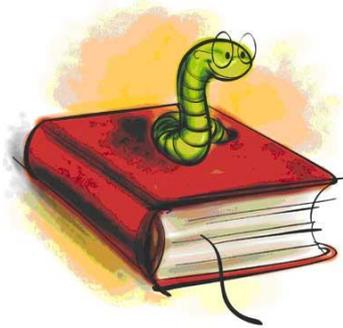
After the Christmas holidays, years 3, 4 & 5 will be swimming on a Monday from the 14th December.

Illness

Quick reminder that if your child has the diarrhoea and/or vomiting illness, you **MUST** keep them off school for 48 hours **AFTER** the resolution of symptoms, which ensures that the illness is no longer contagious. Thank you for your understanding.

Reading

Listening to your child read at home really does make a huge difference! We aim to listen to your child at school at least once weekly, but as you can imagine, this can be quite difficult at times to fit into an already busy day. To encourage your child to read more at home, we have introduced a reward system to classes 2 and 3. In the back of your child's planner there is a reward grid, where your child will earn a sticker to place on this grid. To earn a sticker, they need to have read 5 times that week at home (independently or to an adult) and an adult to have signed their planner each time. On a Monday we will check your child's planner from the previous week to see whether they have earned a sticker. Once they have earned 3 stickers, they can choose a reward from the class' treat pot! It would be fantastic if you could support and encourage your child with this! Thank you!



Christmas Services at Waberthwaite and Corney Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please do come along to one of the Christmas celebrations at St John's Waberthwaite or St John the Baptist Corney.

A special invitation to the Carols at St John's Waberthwaite- an extra service this year. The chance for a good sing followed by mulled wine and Christmas nibbles.

November 30th	1.45	Christingle at Muncaster
December 9th	6.00	Carols at Corney
December 16th	6.00	Carols at Waberthwaite
December 24th	4.00	Crib Service at Waberthwaite
Christmas Day	9.30	Holy Communion at Waberthwaite



Facebook Consent

If you haven't done so already, please could you send in the slip indicating whether you give consent to photos of your child being put on Facebook. If you need another form, please contact school and we will send another form home with your child. Thank you!

Parental Contributions

We have some exciting trips coming up before Christmas that the children are really looking forward to. For these trips to happen, we ask for a small parental contribution that goes towards the cost of the trip. It would be very much appreciated, if you haven't done so already, and are happy to support these trips, that you send your child in with a contribution towards these. Thank you!

Parental Questionnaires

A quick reminder about parental questionnaires - please complete these and send them into school with your child. It really helps give us an idea on your thoughts about us as a school. Thank you!

Parent Survey

In January 2018, the 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools' (SIAMS) qualified Waberthwaite C of E School as 'Good'. The purpose of the SIAMS inspection is to judge the school's effectiveness as a Church of England school. The inspector visits a range of lessons (certainly not just R.E.) plus events such as Collective Worship, and generally forms a judgement on life at the school, particularly regarding the extent to which our Christian ethos translates into actual practice on an everyday basis. One of the areas where we needed to improve was around involving the whole school family in the regular cycle of self-evaluation so that all views can influence and support the development of the school's Christian character.

We would really appreciate 5 minutes of your time to complete a very brief survey on your thoughts around our Christian character. The survey is anonymous and we'll look to share the output once we've understood collective views. The survey can be accessed with the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SYNPZRC> or by using the following QR code if your smartphone or tablet has a QR reader.



Applying for a place in Reception

School admissions are now open for parents of children expecting to enter Reception in September 2019 to apply for a school place. Leaflets explaining what to do are available from the school office, or www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2019**.

Achievements

Well done to the winners of both the 'burgundy jumper' and 'good to be green' this week. These are:

Class 1 - **Jacob** and **Amelia**

Class 2 - **Elsie** and **Richard**

Class 3 - **Ellie** and **Marcel**

School dates for your diary

17th December - Class 3 last swimming session

- Christmas Dinner

19th December - Christmas jumper day

- Christmas Party Food Day

20th December - Christmas Celebration 1:30pm at the village hall

21st December - Finish for the Christmas holidays at 1:30pm

24th December - Crib Service at Waberthwaite Church 4pm

25th December - Holy Communion at Waberthwaite Church 9:30am

8th January - Back to school

14th January - Years 3, 4 & 5 swimming

17th January - Class 1 drumming with Zozo

Kind regards,

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