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What a busy half-term we have all had! The children have worked incredibly hard and continue to impress us with the work they produce as well as their polite, caring attitude!  
An extremely big thank you to the staff who continuously go above and beyond what they need to in order to make sure that your children have the best experience possible!  
Christmas is a wonderful time of year and there have definitely been some exciting and festive times this half-term - take a look on our website for photos!  
From everyone at school, we hope you all have a magical, and maybe even white, Christmas and a very happy new year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2019!

### Christmas Dinner

A massive thank you to Mrs Jenkinson for putting together a fantastic Christmas Dinner for us on Monday! Thank you to Mr Drage, Mrs Hey and Mrs Kirkbride who also helped! Another thank you goes to those governors who were able to join us for our Christmas Dinner - the children love when you come into school so they can share all the exciting things they do! Finally, thank you to those children in class 3 who provided waiter service for the adult on their table!



### Class 1 Teaching Position

A letter went out on Wednesday informing you all of the class 1 teaching position. On Tuesday we had interviews take place and have appointed Anne-Marie Johnson who will be the teacher in class 1 when Miss Sharp goes on maternity. We look forward to welcoming her into our school and hope you will all join us in doing so.

### Woodall's Oranges

A big thank you once again goes to June Woodall and Joyce Hadwin who visited us on Wednesday and generously gave each of us an orange. We were told that this is the 154th year of the tradition and we are always thrilled to be part of such a special occasion.



### Christmas Jumper Day

What a busy week for Mrs Jenkinson! Not only did she make a delicious Christmas Dinner on Monday but also put together a wonderful Christmas Party Food feast for us to enjoy on Wednesday - a huge thank you from us all! We all felt very festive in our Christmas jumpers and even had a very special visitor come see us all after lunch...



### Christmas Celebration

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas Celebration! I am sure you will agree that the children were fantastic and made us all very proud! Classes 2 and 3 were wonderful on their instruments and class 1 spread some Christmas cheer with their Christmas songs.

## PTA Events

A big thank you to the PTA who have worked hard to raise money for the school. The PTA events this half-term have been very well attended so thank you to everyone who has supported us in raising:

- Halloween Disco - £183.55
- Bags2School - £102.80
- Christmas Fair - £321.20
- Christmas Bingo - £383.05
- Film Club - £28
- Christmas Play Raffle - £207.20
- £50 Card - £50

## Swimming

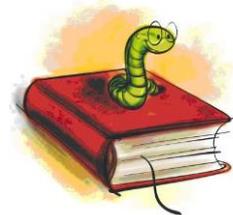
After the Christmas holidays, years 3, 4 & 5 will be swimming on a Monday from the 14<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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!

## **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](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

## **School dates for your diary**

24<sup>th</sup> December - Crib Service at Waberthwaite Church 4pm

25<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Communion at Waberthwaite Church 9:30am

8<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school

14<sup>th</sup> January - Years 3, 4 & 5 swimming

17<sup>th</sup> January - Class 1 drumming with Zozo

Kind regards,

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