

### Newsletter # 3 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

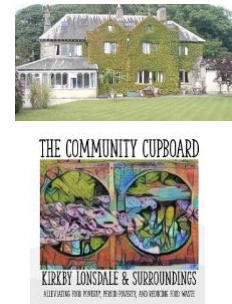
On Monday we will be walking down to church to celebrate and give thanks for Harvest. Whilst we can't have parents attending yet, it will still prove to be a very positive step to returning to normal. It will be lovely to be in church together again.

In education, we have lots of phrases and concepts teachers think about. One is **courageous advocacy**. By way of a working definition, when using the term 'courageous advocacy' we are referring to the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. Speaking out, at whatever level this takes place, requires an element (and sometimes a great deal!) of courage.

Becoming a courageous advocate for change, therefore, must involve being informed about an issue and it must move beyond simply knowing, to saying and doing. Educating for courageous advocacy must embody an ethos of action-taking, challenging injustice and becoming agents of change in the transformation of ourselves, our relationships and our communities from the local level to the global.

With this in mind we are asking families to donate gifts for

- **Brant Howe** (chocolate, sweets, biscuits)
- **The Community Cupboard** to support families in our area. (tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tinned meat, tinned fish, toothpaste, dried milk, long life milk, jelly cubes, spaghetti hoops, baked beans, hot chocolate, cheese biscuits, marmalade, jam, tomato ketchup.)



Please can the children bring these to school on Monday morning.

As we all count our blessings and give thanks for the many things we have, this will be a superb way to support others.

House points this week...			
Farleton	Ingleborough	Howgill	Middleton
392	492	470	466





## Languages Day 21<sup>st</sup> September

We had an exciting, varied and colourful day on Tuesday, celebrating European Day of Languages. There was traditional food tasting, new languages, art work, songs, games and dances to name but a few activities. It was also a wonderful opportunity to get together at the end of the day, making the most of the lovely weather, and share what we had learned during the day.



# Piano Lessons



So many children are now trying new clubs and exploring new experiences following lockdown. If you would like your child to try piano, you might want to consider lessons with Jane Lawrence. Please email her for details. Jane also teaches at QES as well as at St Mary's.

[janelawrencemusic@gmail.com](mailto:janelawrencemusic@gmail.com)

# Year 5 and 6 Overnight Stay

Just a reminder that we do plan to go ahead with the annual outdoor residential at school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Class teachers have sent out kit lists and consent forms and the children have started working on their menus and planning for the two-day event. We are all very aware just how much everyone in school has missed the regular school trips, especially those with a residential aspect, and we hope this is the start of their return. We are, of course, following all local and national guidance, along with advice from our Health and Safety providers, and we will continue to monitor these in the coming days, weeks and months for our future trips.



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# P.T.A.

Your PTA need you! We are getting ready for our Christmas fundraiser and as part of the festivities will be holding our annual Christmas raffle. We are asking if you or someone you know has a business that is willing to donate a prize for our raffle.

If so please email [lauragkeeler@gmail.com](mailto:lauragkeeler@gmail.com) or catch her at school.

## Bags to school

Our popular bags to school event is back. Reduce your clutter, create some space and send your bags of clothes in so they can be reused. Bags to school accept

- \* Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- \* Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- \* Handbags
- \* Hats
- \* Bags
- \* Scarves and ties
- \* Jewellery
- \* Lingerie
- \* Socks
- \* Belts
- \* Soft toys
- \* Household linen
- \* Household curtains
- \* Household towels
- \* Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

But NOT school uniform

Bags will be collected outside school on **Wednesday 3rd of November**. We will let you know where closer to the time so you have plenty of time to gather your bags together.



## Open Day for Nursery and Reception – Tues Nov 9th

We are pleased to announce we are hosting

**Nursery and Reception Open Day** for prospective parents

**On Tuesday Nov 9th from 9:30 – 11:30am**

Please book your place at the school office Tel: **015242 71334**



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# Updated Covid Guidance

We have just been sent this update to Cumbria's guidance in response to cases in the area. Please read through and familiarise yourselves with what we are now required to follow.

## **IMPORTANT: New self-isolation guidance for schools**

**Managing COVID-19 cases is becoming increasingly challenging for educational settings in Cumbria, so Cumbria's Director of Public Health, Colin Cox and education leaders have agreed the following local additional advice measures to be implemented from Thursday 23 September.**

Children and young people aged between the ages of 5 and 16, (unless exempt – see below) should now be advised to stay at home when a sibling tests positive for COVID-19 (via either a PCR or Lateral Flow test).

3-5 days following the onset of symptoms in the sibling who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms), the close contact child should get a PCR test. If this is negative, they can return to the setting, but should isolate again immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 at a later date.

The groups exempt from this advice and able to continue to attend the setting when identified as a close contact of a sibling positive case are:

- 12-18 year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago
- Any child aged between 5 – 16 who has tested positive for COVID-19 themselves via a PCR test within the past 90 days.

### **Why is this guidance being issued now?**

In the week ending 17 September 2021, the 12-18 age group accounted for the greatest number of new cases in Cumbria followed by the 5-11 age group (+524 and +412 new cases respectively).

The 12-18 and 5-11 age groups also accounted for by far the greatest rates of new cases in Cumbria (1,431 and 1,106 new cases per 100k population respectively).

The 5-9 age group experienced the greatest numerical and proportional increase in new cases (+53%).

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