ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our current attendance is 96.5% although we do seem to have a few nasty bugs going around at the moment. Please make sure that if your child is not going to be in School that you let the office know by 9:00 am; this saves Mrs Little time chasing up families.

Lateness:

Please note that the back door is closed at 9:00am and pupils need to be in their classroom at 9:00am to receive their morning mark in the register. Lessons start promptly so it is really important to be on time.

Fri 15th March	(2:30pm)
Mon 18th March	Year 3/4 Open Afternoon (2:30pm)
Tue 26th March	Reception Open morning— Bake Off (9:00am)
Fri <mark>29th Marc</mark> h	Easter Assembly (2:30pm) School Closes for Easter
Mon 15th April	Return to School Summer Term
Fri 19th & Mon 22nd April	School Closed Easter Bank Holiday
May	Key Stage 1 SATs Testing peri- od
Mon 13th May	WB Y6 SATs Week Y3/4 Residential Mon- Wed
Mon <mark>20th May</mark>	Year 5/6 Residential Mon-Thu
Fri 24th May	Finish for half-term

DATES FOR THE TERM

Fri 15th March Vear 5/6 Open Afternoon

WB 10th June Year 1 Phonics Screening

HOMEWORK

Our new homework system seems to be working well with the agreed "weekly" homework and the half-term project homework. Further information is available on your child's class page on the website. There is also many suggested sites to support pupils' learning. The pupils (Y1-6) have passwords for Mathletics, Letter Join and Rock Star XTables. It is the consistent rehearsal of these basic skills (including the Strive for 5) that really has the impact on your child's learning. Please ensure that your child completes their allocated homework and returns it to School at the time required to ensure maximum impact — I know and appreciate that most of you do already.





EASTER ARRANGEMENTS

The last week in School before the Easter holidays is always a busy time. New parents will not know but Easter is a wonderful time in our School (and my favourite).



On the last day of term (Friday 29th March) we will be holding our annual Easter competitions: Decorated Egg Competition, Egg Dumping and our Easter Egg Raffle. Mrs Little will be sending out the raffle tickets this week. We would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs/Easter gifts for

our raffle nearer the time. The Decorated Egg entries need to be brought to the hall please (no names) on the Friday morning. We also have a special category for parents and adults, so make sure that your child does the majority of the decorating!

The winners of the Decorated Egg Competition, Easter Raffle and the Egg Dumping will all take place at our end of term assembly. The assembly will begin at **2:30 pm** (no late entry) and children can leave afterwards if a parent is present.





REVOLTING CHILDREN

We are extremely proud of our Y3/4 class who performed at the U-Dance festival at the Carnegie Theatre. Inspired by our trip to see Matilda in Manchester, they became "revolting children" for one night only. Well done!

PARENT SUPPORT

As a small School, with an ever decreasing budget, we rely heavily on parents helping on any trips and visits that we have out of School. Recently (with the exception of our reception class), we have had to disrupt other year groups by taking out staff members to ensure that our children get opportunities outside of the classroom, as no parents have come forward.

I appreciate that many of you work and are not available, but please do not assume that somebody else will do it, because at the moment it is not the case. The last thing that we want to do is cancel—however we are getting to the point where this will become an option. Thank you to all of you who have helped this year, I know you appreciate how vital this is for our School and children.



As shared through our School Jotter App, this Friday the School

Council would like the children to "Wear it Red," to raise money for Comic Relief. Please give your donation (£1 suggested minimum) to the class teachers on Friday.

PRAISE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to everyone who has shared their vote on Praise Assembly through our website poll. It was very close but the vote was marginally "against" praise assembly. This, along with the views of the staff and pupils, means that the Governors have agreed we will continue to have praise assembly without parents on Fridays and have our termly celebration assembly.



HAPPY GOTH BIRTHDAY

We would like to take the time to congratulate our longest serving member of staff on her 60th birthday on 23rd March. Mrs

Cass is definitely the glue that sticks us all together and we wish her all the best for her celebrations.

BULLYING CHARTER

After a successful presentation to our Governors by the Y5/6 School Councillors and Team Captains, our bullying charter is now available on our website.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that School uniform orders from last September need to be made directly with Identity. Mrs little is still getting enquiries. You can order by following the link:

www.oneidentity.co.uk

or through the "Parent information" tab on our website.

Please note that pupils must wear the correct uniform in School (including black School shoes and our navy blue PE kit) - for further information, please see our Prospectus on the website. Mrs Little has some sample sizes in the office. If you are having problems with any aspects of uniform, please inform the School (e.g. if your child needs to wear trainers for a couple of days as their shoes have broken). School clothing grants are also available through Cumbria County Council if

your child is eligible for free school meals. As already shared the School also receives additional funding through the free school meals allocation so please apply if you think you are entitled.

