

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th January 2017

EDITION 03



## Our focus value is: Courage

Dear Parents/Guardians

I apologise for the lack of newsletter last week. I was out of school for the latter part of the week to see the birth of my new daughter. Heidi Imogen Steele was born on Wednesday. Both Heidi and Mum are fine—Thanks to all those people who have wished them well.

Last week's heating problems have hopefully been resolved. This school runs, like many others, on an old heating system that was installed when the school was built. It is of an age where problems will occur, particularly in colder weather when it has to work harder. We have more engineers visiting site this week to look at a replacement which will not only be more reliable but more efficient too!

The library developments have sped up in school this week. Last year we received a £2000 grant from the Foyle Foundation to improve the library resource. New carpet has been installed today and the shelves/cupboards are having a face-lift. We have also received lots of new books that will be available for the children soon. Another great move forward for the school.

Last week we had a lot of absence throughout the school. The whole school attendance figure was 90% which is alarmingly low. I hope that illnesses have now eased and we can get back to being above 95%.

I have received further reports about parking issues around school in the morning. I know it is a busy time for drop offs but the safety of the children is absolutely our number one priority. Please park safely and leave space in the turning circle.

Finally, the local community have serious concerns about the amount of dog mess around the village. This is also an issue around the entrance to school. The local community are looking to install more bins/provide bags and we are going to run an awareness campaign in school.

**DON'T FORGET—Next PTA Fund Raiser—Quiz Night—7pm—10pm Saturday 11th February—Tickets available from the office!**

Mr C Steele  
Head Teacher

### DIARY DATES

#### February

Mon 6th - Swimming (Class 2)

Weds 8th - Football @ Netherhall  
(Yr 5&6)

Thu 9th - Internet Safety Talk @ The Wave  
Class 3

Sat 11th - PTA Quiz Night (7pm-10pm)

Mon 13th - Swimming (Class 2)

Weds 15th - Dance Festival @ Allonby  
(Reception, Yr 1&2)

Thu 16th - University of Cumbria Visit  
Year 5

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

#### Tuesday

Discovery Club—KS1

Craft Club—KS2

#### Wednesday

Homework/Computer Club— All

#### Thursday

Multi Skills - KS1

Lego Club - KS2

#### **ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH AT 4:15**

KS1=Reception, Yrs1&2

KS2= Yrs 3, 4,5 & 6

This week the whole school attendance figure was: **90%**

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