

Newsletter

3rd January - 9th February 2024

Upcoming Events

Monday 19th February
School Starts 8:45am

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PTA Disco 4:30-5:30pm

Tickets on sale via School Hub

Monday 4th March
Class 1 Trip 9:00-12:00pm

Tickets on sale via School Hub

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day

Wear PJs and Bring a Book!

Wednesday 20th March
U-Dance Performance Carnegie
(Select Pupils Only)

Tickets on Sale via School Hub

Thursday 21st March
Lowca School Careers Fair 2pm
Parents Wanted!

Monday 25th March
Class 1 Assembly 2:30pm

Wednesday 27th March
Class 2 Performance of
Midsummer Night's Dream 2pm
Open to all Parents and Families

Thursday 28th March
School Closes for Easter 3:15pm

School Summary

It has been a fantastic start to the new year and pupils have been working hard to squeeze all of their learning into one of the shortest terms so far!

Class 1 have been busy exploring their senses in science, learning about the weather in geography and writing some brilliant retells of 'A squash and a squeeze' and even performed it in an assembly to the school. Our pupils in Class 2 have been getting excited about volcanoes, making 3D structures in art and learning how to play Hockey in P.E.

It was wonderful to see the parent support for our Class 3 Pupils earlier this week when they came to see their assembly which showcased their animation productions based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, and the art and geography work they have been completing this half term.

We also held our PTA Bingo Event this week, which was attended by over 100 members of the Lowca Community! Many people took their time to comment on how lovely it was to see everyone together and how well behaved (and quiet!) the children were at the event. I must give a huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and donated prizes, to all of the staff and members of the PTA who gave up their own time to organise the event and of course to Janice for making over 100 portions of Pie, Peas and Gravy!

I hope you have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Walker

Staff News

Our Class 1 Teacher, Miss O'Neill, has sadly decided to move on and will no longer be teaching at our school. Over the last four years she has supported many pupils either as a volunteer teacher or as a teacher of Year 3/4 and Reception and we would all like to wish her lots of luck in her new venture!

We will be advertising her role after the holidays, however Mrs Walker, Mrs Buchanan and Miss High will continue to run Class 1 as normal until the end of the Summer Term.

Safeguarding

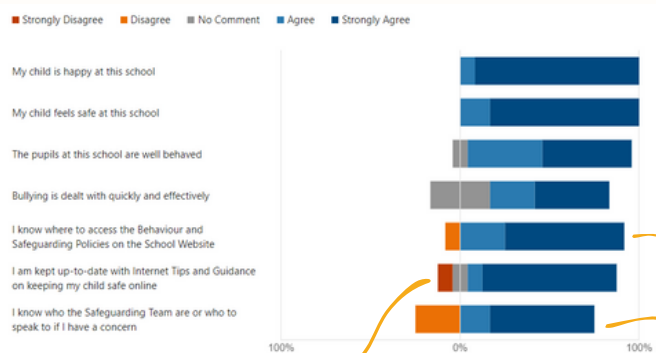
Our whole school attendance for this half term has dropped to 93% due to a number of children having flu like symptoms during early January. Our attendance to date however is 96% which is just below the National Average.

Although we promote online safety frequently throughout the school year, as part of National Online Safety Day on Tuesday 7th February, Ms Lawson and our Pupil Safeguards presented an assembly to share this years theme of 'Making a Difference, Navigating change and Managing Influence' to all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Click here for more information ... [Online Safety Tips](#)



Our Class 3 pupils also had a visit from the Spiral Team who talked to them about making choices about what to post and what to do if something makes you feel uncomfortable online. For parents who would like more information, please visit www.spiralcumbria.org.uk

We would like to thank all parents who completed our online survey about Safeguarding in School. The results were very positive and we will be sending home an information poster to share the outcomes and improvements - here are some of the results.



All of our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures including Behaviour, Attendance and our School Safeguarding Leaflet can be found on our School Website

We post regular updates and safeguarding tips on our Newsletters and Facebook page



Scan here to view our Website



We have had a complaint about the parking at school drop off and pick up times, please remember to park appropriately for the safety of our pupils, parents and the residents of Lowca.

Family Support

Family First is a magazine created by the DfE and NHS which aims to provide support and advice on parenting and raising children in today's world. Click [here](#) to download a copy!

[Family First Link](#)

As we know, the impact of Covid lockdowns has had a huge impact on our younger pupils who missed lots of opportunities to interact socially due to restrictions and access to baby and toddler groups. With a greater number of children having speech and language difficulties as a result, our EYFS team will be holding a 'Tea and Talk' event on Monday 26th March to share some top tips with parents and any members of the community with younger children under the age of three. Look out for more information next half term.



For any parents who need support or just want someone to talk to about parenting, there is lots of information and guidance on the following websites

[Positive Parenting Leaflet](#)

[Cumbria Safeguarding](#)

[Cumberland Families Information Services](#)



Understanding your child's needs

Children's needs and behaviours change as they get older, and understanding these needs will help you better understand your child. A lot has been written about the needs of children and advice for parents, and we cover some of the key areas here. If you'd like more detailed advice you can talk to the NSPCC helpline.



Governor Update

Our Governing body play an important role in making sure our school is a safe and happy learning environment for all of our pupils. They have been in to school this half term to complete a monitoring visit where they spoke to pupils and staff about Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Behaviour around school. They enjoyed lunch from the school kitchen and then visited classrooms to watch some Geography lessons and spoke to pupils about the work they had been completing in their books. They were very impressed with the pupils' attitudes to learning and how they demonstrated our school values in everything they did!



We have recently welcomed some new members to the Governing Board but are still looking to fill two vacancies - if this is something you may be interested in, or you know someone who might like to know more about school governance, please contact our Vice Chair Sue Richardson at SR@lowca.cumbria.sch.uk

You can make a difference for all of our pupils!

Community News

If you know of any events in our community or an activity that our families may be interested in please get in touch with the office and let us know.



family
action

Join us this half term for our
February Fun Days

0 – 19 Child and Family support services - Copeland



Monday 12th February

Frizington Library

10:30am – 12:00pm

Tuesday 13th February

Millom Family Hub

10:30am – 12:00pm

Wednesday 14th February

Cleator Moor Library

13:00pm – 14:30pm

Friday 16th February

South Whitehaven (Valley)

11:00am – 12:30pm



Snacks

Valentines arts and crafts

Messy play

Sensory trays

Face painting

Registered Charity Number: 264 713



Find out more at cumberland.gov.uk



Families

February Half-term: Flip
Entertainment Magic Show

14 February 2024 | 11am, 1pm



Children

February Half Term Pet
Encounters | 12-13 February
2024

12-13 February 2024 | 11am,
1pm

the
beacon
museum



Have your say on the future of family services in Cumberland

Complete our online survey and you could win a £100 Amazon gift card

We are transforming our services to better meet the needs of children, young people and families in Cumberland. We want to hear from you.

Use the QR code to take part in our anonymous survey.



Drop in to one of our events

- Monday 5 February: 9.30am – 12.30pm at Wigton Library
- Monday 5 February: 2.30pm – 5.30pm at Workington Library
- Thursday 22 February: 9.30am – 12.30pm at Egremont Library
- Thursday 22 February: 2.30pm – 5.30pm at Whitehaven Library
- Wednesday 28 February: 9.30am – 12.30pm at Brampton Community Centre
- Wednesday 28 February: 2.30pm – 5.30pm at Harraby Community Centre, Carlisle

For more information, please contact FamilyWellbeing@cumberland.gov.uk

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SOUP & SOCIAL IS BACK!
26TH JANUARY 2024, 12PM
NOW WITH NEW TRIVIA QUIZ AND PRIZES



The Oval Centre has once again teamed up with The Carnegie Theatre and STAR (Satterbeck Tenants and Residents).

We will be providing free soup and roll for lunch on Fridays.



This time we will be providing a bit of fun (hopefully!) in the form of a trivia quiz, there will be prizes (albeit rubbish ones).

Why not get your friends and family together for a bit of healthy competition and community spirit!



Riverside