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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Children & Families,

Class Photos

Reminder that these are being taken on Monday morning.

CAFOD Lenten Appeal: Non-Uniform Day

Next week, the pupils and staff of St Begh's will walk in solidarity each afternoon around the playground to raise awareness of global poverty. This will involve an action (walking) and giving to others (monetary donation) as part of our Lenten focus. Your prayers for those living in poverty are also important.

On Friday, 24th March, we will hold a non-uniform day to raise funds.

So, come dressed in blue and/or green and donate to CAFOD to help others. (The suggested donation is £1.)

Many thanks for your continued support.



Missing Coat

Can children who came to the Year 3 and 4 Valentines' Disco please check at home for a coat picked up by accident? It's waist-length, plain black with a hood (no fur).

Cyclewise

A special mention for our Year 5 pupils who took part in Cyclewise training this week in all weathers without any complaint! Well done.

Brilliant Cumbria

Our new set of Brilliant Cumbria Ambassadors had a great day out at Whitehaven Academy this week and are brimming with ideas about how to spread the messages they learnt around school. They are especially keen to teach their peers about how to train our brains into good habits and behaviours.

Emma-key Evie Piper
Archie Hannah Hope Blossom
Damon Ronnie Rosa



Walking hand in hand in the footsteps of Christ. We are His hands; We are His feet.

Information repeated from previous newsletters

A Message from our School Council

On Monday, we had our monthly School Council meeting. In this meeting, we discussed key findings from our Pupil Wellbeing Survey carried out in Years 4 and 6 earlier in the year. As a result of the survey findings, we will be working hard to brainstorm ideas to improve our playtimes and lunchtimes to make them more enjoyable for our pupils.

For our fundraising for this half-term, we are going to be doing an Easter egg/ bonnet competition. Your task will be to design and create an Easter bonnet or egg. There will be a winner from each year group. Prizes will be kindly donated by Friends of St Begh's. It will cost £1 to enter and proceedings will go to our chosen charity for the year, ICU Steps. The deadline for entries will be Thursday 30th March, with winners announced on Friday 31st March. Please submit entries to your child's class teacher.

A Message from our Eco Stewards

Our Eco Stewards are taking part in a national competition about the issues of single use plastic. As part of this competition, we are creating a collage piece made from single use plastic. We are asking the children to collect plastic bottle tops (not milk bottle tops because we've already got lots of these) and any coloured plastic trays from vegetables etc. to bring into school by Friday 17th March.

They are also organising a 'Big Toy Swap' on the last day of term Friday 31st March, to encourage the 're-use' of things that we no longer use. The children can bring in any toys they no longer play with that are still in good condition. A great chance for a tidy out!

Toddler Group

We are hoping to set up a Toddler group to run one morning a week in our School Hall. If you have any suitable toys in good condition that you are getting rid of, we would be really grateful for donations.

Painting Competition

Whitehaven Town Council are running a painting competition for pupils of all schools in the Parish of Whitehaven. The theme of the competition being 'Charles III – Our New Monarch'. The painting can be either in either pencil, paint (inc. oil and acrylic) and mixed media and must be no larger than A3 size.

All entries to be submitted to the Council before the end of Spring Term (Friday 31st March 2023) to allow time for judging. Attached is a competition entry form which must be completed for each individual entry and signed by the parent/guardian giving permission for the winning entry to be publicised and displayed in a Marquee showing an exhibition of photographs of the Royal Family from 1st May 2023 – 8th May 2023. Vouchers will be presented to the winning pupils and the school they attend.

Should you require any further information then please contact Whitehaven Town Council on 01946 67366 between office hours of 8:00am – 12:00pm, Monday to Friday or via this email address. *We are emailing the entry form along with this newsletter today.*

Family Dinners

We are delighted to be starting our family dinners back up. We are starting with Year 3 on Friday 3rd March (a separate letter has gone for bookings); Year 4 on Friday 10th; Year 6 on Friday 17th and Year 5 on Friday 31st.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Mallard