



## Newsletter October 2020

What a Fantastic term we have had within School. It has been really lovely to see how happy and settled the children are back in school. It's a great credit to them all for how with everything going on around them externally, they haven't been phased and have jumped right back into their learning adventures, continued to build friendships and making sure they're having lots of fun along the way.



### Mornings

We continue to offer parents the opportunity to drop children off from 8.15am to enable parents to get to work. Please can children not arrive earlier than that as there are not routinely staff to supervise them. Please let us know if there is an exceptional circumstance as we are happy to help. You may also notice that we have allocated the school buses the two end spaces opposite the school car park entrance (in a morning only) to ensure the children can get off the buses safely. Please try not to park in these places after 8.30am when dropping off your children.

### Woodmatters – Class 2

On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of December, we have Gareth and Ro from Woodmatters coming onto school grounds to deliver some outdoor workshops for Class 2. Woodmatters is an inspiring, authentic, hands-on experience designed for the KS2 curriculum. Our children will discover how people lived, learn new core skills and experiment with a variety of new techniques from the era. The sessions form a fantastic stimulus for discussion and debate around class 2's exciting curriculum topics. We can't wait to see what exciting things they build and make.

### Children in Need

One of the days the children (and staff) look forward to the most is Children in Need day. This year on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November the children have decided together to hold a themed Pyjamas Day and a suggested donation of £1 per child.

### Boxes of Hope

We are delighted to be taking part in the Cumbria Boxes of hope collection again this year. The organisation we collect for help deprived communities in Eastern Europe by sending gift filled shoeboxes at Christmas to the local children. It is a lovely charity to work with and our children at Selside have enjoyed taking part over the last few years.



If you wish to take part and fill a shoe box with little gifts, please can they be back within school by Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Leaflets containing all the information will be coming out with this newsletter.

**New starters for September 2021**

Thank you to everyone who helped share our social media advertisement for potential new starters for September 2021. We have also circulated it around to local nurseries. Unfortunately at the moment we are unable to host a set open day for potential parents and are only able to book appointments and show anyone around outside of school hours. If you know of anyone who is considering schools, please encourage them to get in touch and arrange to come and visit us. If anyone is able to display a poster in their work place, please let Laura know and we will send a flyer home for you.

**SSA**

A huge thanks to the Selside School Association, we know how hard fundraising is at the moment with the impact of COVID, and the efforts you are putting in on social media are brilliant and very much appreciated by our school community. The SSA are hosting a virtual Christmas Fayre and have a wide variety of online stalls contributing to their page, and sharing gifts ideas which when purchased help raise funds for the school through their sales. Its more important than ever at the moment to shop local. Please find their page on Facebook at Selside School Association Christmas Fayre.

**Selside School Govenors**

We are very pleased to announce that Jen Armitstead is the new Chair of Govenors for Selside School, after being voted in by her fellow governors. We currently have a vacancy on our board and are looking for a foundation governor. If you or somebody you may know would be interested in the position please contact Laura in the office on [admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk) she can talk through the process with you. A foundation governor ensures the school is conducted in accordance with its Christian character, and are voted in by the Parochial church council. Please can all expressions of interest be in by Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Cyclewise**

On the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, we are hosting Cyclewise for our Year 5 & 6 children . If any parents are able to help the trainers on either the Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> or Friday 27<sup>th</sup> please let us know.

With very best wishes



June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

**Key dates for your diary**

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Woodmatters – Class 2
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Individual school photographs
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	CycleWise Years 5 & 6
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Woodmatters – Class 2
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas @ 1.30pm ( no after school club)

