



'We lift our eyes to the hills' June Newsletter 2023

Residentials and outdoor adventures...what the summer was made for!

What a glorious way to start the summer! The sun hasn't stop shining and we have been making the most of it getting out and about! The Discoverers went to the Yorkshire Dales and enjoyed climbing, ghyll scrambling and conquered Ingleborough! The Adventurers had a fantastic day exploring St Catherine's wood. The Explorers will get their turn next week! Toby is year 6 has been developing the vegetable garden. Well done to the team who got our Country Fest garden entry ready. We got a special award! It is a time of year to celebrate and come together to share all our achievements! Written reports will be out later this term and we have our summer concert coming up on the Friday 14th July at 1.30pm. **Please can we have all trophies back from last year** so they can be used for this years celebrations!



Wordsworth Day at Dove Cottage

The Discoverers had a fabulous day visiting Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum! They started off by having a tour of the cottage and then they had a go at writing some words, phrases and bits of poetry inspired by the historic surroundings. They then headed out to the garden for another writing opportunity, and had a chance to listen to some of William Wordsworth's poetry in the peace of the garden. What a brilliant day!



Maths challenge Day!

A big thank you to Nancy Williams for running an exciting maths challenge day. We were joined with children from Crosscrake Primary School to solve some challenging maths problems including a quick fire question round, a cross-number, a puzzle and then a Maths relay! Our Maths skills were really put to the test!

School Field Development Project

The Discoverers had a fab day today making Roman workbenches with Gareth from Woodmatters. We used lots of different tools and had a chance to develop our woodworking skills. The Adventurers put the new saw horses to work, to saw bashing sticks and some mallets. We just need somewhere to store it now...



Our shed has arrived and has been safely stored waiting for a team of volunteers to erect it! The plans are being put in place to get together a work party to bring this exciting project to fruition. Dave Morland from Tebay Services, came into school & the children helped him to make over 100 sausages to fuel the work party, and help them on their way! Work party dates to follow soon...



Change to the school day

The government's 2022 white paper laid out plans for mainstream education schools to provide 32.5 hour week or 6.5 hour days. At Selside School, to enable us to meet this requirement we are extending the day by 10 minutes at the start of the school day. From September, the doors will open at 8.45am for the register to be taken at 8.50. Registration will close at 9.00am. The school day will finish as normal at 3.20pm. This will not affect the school buses. They are always arrive in plenty of time and will still allow the children to get to their after school clubs.

Staff Changes

We have already shared that we will be welcoming Miss Mia O'Callaghan into year 4/5/6. Since our last newsletter there have been some changes and we wanted to share them with you. Miss Clarke will sadly be leaving us at the end of the summer term. We are all sad to lose Miss Clark and Miss Plant and wanted to thank them both for all their hard work and dedication to the school. All staff and children will miss them. We hope that you will join us at the Summer concert to help celebrate and give them a memorable goodbye.

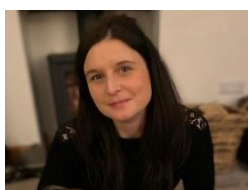
Sad goodbyes lead to new beginnings. We will be welcoming new members into our Selside community. This week it has been lovely to have Mrs O'Callaghan in school to start preparations for next year.

Mrs Jancis Poole will be joining us to work in both classes. Mrs Poole was one of our excellent candidates, which we interviewed for the KS2 position. She made the interviewing panel’s job difficult.



We are delighted that she will be joining our team in September.

“There is nothing better than exploring, making discoveries and having adventures to make sense of the world we live in. I love sharing these moments with the children I teach and Selside School with its unique location and community is a wonderful place to encourage children’s creativity and independent thinking.” – Jancis Poole



Mrs Clare Thomas, who has been volunteering every Monday and Tuesday throughout the year whilst completing her teaching assistant course, will also be joining the team. She has fitted in very well and has brought lots of new ideas. She will be continuing her studies as an apprentice for us to help complete the next level of her teaching assistant qualification.

Classes for next year

Miss Lowther will be teaching in the Explorers each morning. Mrs Jancis Poole will be working alongside Mrs Corbett in the Adventurers.

<p>Adventurers Nursery, Reception & Yr1</p>	<p>Mrs Corbett and Mrs Poole supported by Mrs Clare Thomas</p>	
<p>Explorers Years 2 & 3</p>	<p>Miss June Lowther</p>	<p>Explorers and Discovers will be taught separately for 3 afternoons by: sports teacher (Mrs Nicky Jones), Music teacher (Miss Isobel Mortimer), with Miss Lace as Higher Level Teaching assistant to teach computing and HeartSmart alongside Miss O’Callaghan.</p>
<p>Discoverers Years 4, 5 & 6</p>	<p>Ms. Mia O’Callaghan supported by Miss Alison Lace</p> <p>For 2 afternoons the Explorers and Discoverers will be joined for topic work and the creative areas of the curriculum. This will be led Miss O’Callaghan and Miss Lace as a senior teaching assistant. This will enable more opportunities for school trips, educational visits and visitors to come into school</p>	

Transition Day

This time of year comes around so fast! Our year 6 have already been to their leavers service at the Parish Church and our Year 5s have been to a taster day at Queen Katherine School. In school, we will be having a **transition day on 3rd July** This will be an opportunity for the children to be in the classrooms with the staff and children that they will be learning with. Our new staff will be about at the end of the day to meet parents. In the meantime, Mrs Thomas will be helping on the farm trip and Ms O'Callaghan will be helping out with supply.



Parent Questionnaire

At Selside School, we are continuously striving to work closely with parents and carers to provide the best education for the children that attend our school. We feel that parental support, opinions and views are vital in the future successes of our school and so would like to request that you spare a few minutes of your time to complete a short questionnaire. Please use the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfomtYX1uGFj7iXXFdNiODw8Ljo7-uQ1qWMzYNSwwcvoaE74g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Swap Shop

I have had a few enquiries about PE hoodies and how to get new ones. Sadly, school will not be able to keep funding hoodies going forward. You can buy them from One Identity- <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/>. Although there should be plenty of hoodies in the school community. A parent approached me about doing a swap shop in the last day of term which I think would be a brilliant idea! Please keep this in mind. If you have any old uniform, then please put it to one side. There will be more details to follow.

If you would like to use www.MyNametags.com for your clothing name tags, school get 24% of your purchases total towards our Selside School Association. Our school ID to use when buying is **35828**, this will then link to our fundraising account.

Teepee tots

Tepee Tots is on a Friday morning and will continue to run until the end of the summer term. The group runs from 9.30-11.30am for a price of £2.00 per child, this includes refreshments throughout the morning. If you have any friends who you feel may enjoy the group, please spread the word.

Reminders from the school office

Please ensure that any bookings for after school club are made by 12pm each day and sent to the email address asc@selside.cumbria.sch.uk This new account allows all staff members to see any ASC changes, which is important for the end of day if the main office is not manned.

If no one is in the office, please leave a voicemail and a member of the team will come back to you as soon as possible.

Selside School Association- SSA for short

Exciting things to come...

Camp out on the School Field- Sat 15th July

Next meeting- **Tuesday 27th June**

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. A. Lowther".

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

Dates for the diary - More information will be coming out closer to the time

Summer term dates:

- Explorers Residential: 21st to 23rd June
- Adventurer's Farm trip- 23rd June
- School Swimming: 26th to 30th June (Year 2 to Year 6)
- Sports Day: Wednesday 5th July
- Year 6 day trip to London: 7th July
- Back up Sports Day: Wednesday 12th July
- Summer Concert: Friday 14th July @ **1.30pm**