



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



SATs results

Well done to our fantastic year six! They sat some tricky SATs papers this summer! All their hardwork, with the support and encouragement of Miss Plant, has paid off. They shone in their KS2 assessments. They particularly excelled in reading with 100% of the children meeting the expected standard and 42.9% meeting the higher standard. Well done everyone!

Attainment: Children achieving scaled score of 100 or more:		All subjects	Reading	Writing	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	Maths
At expected standard	Selside Endowed CE Primary School	57%	100%	71.4%	85.7%	71.4%
	National (2023)	59%	73%	71%	72%	73%
At higher standard	Selside Endowed CE Primary School	0%	42.9%	0%	14.3%	0%
	National (2022) ¹	28%	28%	13%	28%	23%

Summer reading challenges

This summer holiday we are inviting our school families to participate in an **extreme reading challenge!** Your child/children can send in photos of themselves reading in any interesting, intriguing or unusual places. Be as creative as you wish! We can't wait to see what you come up with - there may even be a prize for the most unique examples.

Please send all photo entries to the school email address admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk

The library is also running its own **Summer Reading Challenge** which began on the 15th of July and ends in the middle of September, so there is plenty of time over the summer to borrow and read 6 books and go into the library to tell them what you have read.

The Challenge is simple; read whatever you like over the summer holidays to receive incentives and a certificate once you have completed the challenge. You can read fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books or graphic novels. Audiobooks and eBooks can all be used to complete the challenge and Westmorland and Furness Libraries [Borrow box service](#) is a great way to get free access to eBooks and audiobooks for the Summer Reading Challenge.

You can also access extra content online at the Summer Reading Challenge website, and make sure to check out Westmorland and Furness Libraries Facebook pages for activities both online and in the library. For more information visit the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).

School garden

Under Toby's guidance, the vegetable patch has thrived this year. Thank you to everyone who donated to our veg sale. All of the produce sold came from our very own garden. We had loads of lettuce, beautiful beetroots, ravishing rhubarb, fabulous flowers and heaps of herbs! The children **raised £51**. The children have used the money to sponsor a jaguar with the WWF. We now have our very own cuddly jaguar in school!



Finished art work

We are so proud to share our finished piece of artwork with [Sophie Martin Illustration](#). Every child contributed to the artwork which was expertly put together by Sophie. Everyone was excited to spot where their work featured in the final piece! Plans are in progress to make this available to buy prints and tea towels in the autumn term!



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/1FAIpQLSfomtYX1uGFj7iXXFdNi0Dw8Ljo7-uQ1qWMzYNSwwcvoaE74g/viewform?usp=sf_link

There is still time to have you say!

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**. The school day will finish as normal at 3.20pm. This will not affect

the school buses. They always arrive in plenty of time and will still allow the children to get to their after school clubs.

School uniform

Our Swap Shop was a success and will now feature termly.

Our Selside School uniform complete with the logo can be bought from the One identity website <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/> using the password Selside101!

Children need to wear a royal blue sweatshirt/jumper, grey/black trousers or skirt, white/grey shirt/blouse, with flat black school shoes/boots (not training shoes).

P.E. clothes are needed and should include gym shoes or trainers, (black or white), white T-shirt, black shorts, P.E hoodie with logo and a P.E. bag in which to keep them. All articles should be clearly marked with child's name.

Our children also need **outdoor learning bags** which contains some waterproofs and wellies for outdoor learning lessons.

Happy summer holidays!

All the children have worked hard this year! It has been lovely to watch them enjoy the last couple of days with the waterfight being a highlight! Have a lovely summer and a well deserved rest. We look forward to seeing you in the autumn term!



With very best wishes,

J. A. Lowther

June Lowther & all the Selside School Staff

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

Autumn term dates:

- **Start back Wednesday 6th September- all children**
- **12.9.23 Book Bus in school**
- **13.9.23 County Show -Explorers and Discovers**
- **15.9.23 Tepee Tots starts back**