



'We lift our eyes to the hills'

## September Newsletter 2023

We are now back into the swing of things. Last week, the children enjoyed the County show, which was a jammed packed day with animals galore, vehicles of all shapes and the children's favourite the freebies! They especially enjoyed seeing their own work in the Learning for Life tent.



### Harvest

This half term we will be focusing on our school value of Thankfulness which fits very nicely with harvest time. We will be having our harvest festival on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am** in St Thomas Church. The children will be singing and sharing poems and prayers. Please come and join us.

Harvest festival is a time to think about all the things we are thankful for and think of others who aren't so lucky. We will be collecting once again for Manna House foodbank in Kendal. Please bring any tinned items or dry store cupboard essential like pasta or rice you would like to kindly donate. All donations can be stored in the Zen Den before Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you

### Field Development

Talking of being thankful... we are so thankful for all the amazing volunteers that have been working away on our new shed. It is looking spectacular! It really has been a team effort. I thought I would show a few pictures of the progress so far. There is another working party on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Let us know if you can help.



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### Extreme reading Challenge

Thank you for all your extreme reading challenge photos from the summer. We enjoy seeing you read in some very spectacular places!



We are having a big push on reading. We ask that parents read with their child 3 times a week and log it in your child's reading record with a signature but also that you strive for 5 times a week. Children can put pebbles in the jar for reading at home.

'Children who are good at reading do more of it: they learn more, about all sorts of things, and their expanded vocabulary, gained from their reading, increases their ease of access to more reading. Conversely, those for whom reading is difficult fall behind, not just in their reading but in all subjects and a vicious circle develops. Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.' DFE (July 2021)

### Christmas card competition

Tim Farron is holding his annual Christmas Card competition. If your children would like to take part, please return your entry to the school office by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the competition details below:

- Please send us the original design, not a photocopy.
- Send your designs on A4 paper (although the winning design will be reduced in size and printed on A6.)
- The best designs in previous years have used big, bold colours and simple designs. (Avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items -they're great, but don't reproduce well once we send the design to print.)
- Everything fun, creative, and vibrant is encouraged!
- Please remind students to write their full names, school year and age on their designs - otherwise we won't know who the winner is!

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## Early years and Tepee 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.

There will be a stay and play in the Adventurers class Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. This is where any toddlers and their parents can come and join us for a play and find out more about our Early Years provision.

## Selside School Association

The SSA met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September. They planned lots of fun and exciting fundraisers for the year- see dates below. Potter the Fell is back! This will be a big fundraiser in the summer term on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024- reserve the date! This is a fundraiser for grown ups where participants can walk the fells and enjoy 4 drinks stations along the way. There will be more information in the new year.

**Next meeting- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, Selside School.**

## Exciting things to come...

- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September -Fun Run
- Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> November -Bag2school collection
- Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Fair
- Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> January Family Bingo

## School uniform

Our Swap Shop was a success and will now feature termly. Our next swap shop will be held after school on the last week of the this half term. Starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please send any spare uniform that is ready to be swapped.

School uniform with the logo can also be bought from the one identity website - is <https://www.oneidentity.co.uk/selside/> This requires a login and password. Please contact Laura Mackenzie in the office.

**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.



The PE hoodies are just to be worn in PE sessions whilst the school jumper are to be worn the rest of the time. Please label all school uniform!

**Things to remember:**

- Does school have your address, email and phone number? If it has changed over the summer, please let us know ASAP. Allergy updates and other medical details are also important to update, so please do get in touch.
- Are you linked to SeeSaw? This is often a way to see photos of what is happening in class. Please ask if you are having problems connecting.

Best wishes

*June Lowther*

**Dates for the diary**

15<sup>th</sup> September- Teepee Tots starts

29<sup>th</sup> September -Fun Run

2<sup>nd</sup> October- Parents Evening

6<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival- 9.30 at St Thomas' church. Please let us know if you can help walk the children to church.

10<sup>th</sup> October-Nasal Flu vaccinations

11<sup>th</sup> October-Common Farm trip with WoodMatters-Explorers and Discoverers more information to follow.

23<sup>rd</sup> October- Half Term