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Dear Parents,

Bingo Night

Thank you so much to our brilliant PTFA committee who organised this lovely social event on Friday night. Also, thank you to all the people who came along to play. It was great to see some of our leavers back in school. Thank you to Kevin for coming back to call the numbers.

Skelton 7s

Last Friday we travelled to Plumpton for the netball and football competition. Our teams played really well and conducted themselves brilliantly. We are so proud of them all. Thank you to Barry for managing the football team and to Mrs Dowes, Deborah, Dawn and Chloe for helping Mrs Dowes and me with the transport.

School Defibrillator

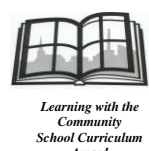
You may have noticed that we now have a defibrillator in school. This was donated by Tesco. We have placed it by the entrance door to the school hall so that it can be accessed during community events like yoga.

It is there for everyone to use and provides an additional defibrillator in the village.

Anyone can use a defibrillator. No training is required as the devices tells you exactly what to do in case of an emergency.

However, so we can familiarise ourselves with the device, Mike Clusker has volunteered to provide brief training for all staff in school and anyone interested in our school community through Cumbria Fire Service.

Some staff have been trained and we have another session booked on Wednesday May 22nd at 4pm in the school hall. If you would like to come along to this training please let Mrs Dowes know. Places are limited so it will be a first come, first served basis. If we have a lot of demand we will try to organise another session.



First Aid Training

All staff in school are trained in first aid. This training is renewed every 3 years. We have a training taking place after school on Monday June 17th and Monday June 24th from 3.30 to 6.30pm. The course will take place in school. We are able to offer places on this course which provides a 6 hour qualification in paediatric first aid (school pays for the costs of providing the training, however the trainers require an additional £20 cost per person attending). Following this training some of our staff will complete another 6 hour online course providing them with a 12 hour qualification). If you are interested in attending this training please contact Mrs Dowes (another £20 fee applies to this training too). Places are limited so please get in touch quickly.

Free Wood

I am very pleased to tell you that we have now replaced all items lost during the flood in January. We are still getting everything put back in the big classroom. As a result of the new lockers being fitted we have spare wood under the shelter, which is free to a good home. This could provide great additional storage for your garage etc. If you would like some of this wood please pick it up as you pass. If you would like to make a donation we will put it in the piggy bank towards the repair of the fascia boards just below the roof around the outside of school.

Year 1 and 3 Reports

Teachers are busy interviewing children in Years 1 and 3 for their reports. These will be sent out on Thursday May 8th with parent meetings available on Tuesday May 14th from 3.30 to 5.30pm at 15 minute intervals. Please contact Mrs Dowes to make an appointment.

Reading

Summer is on the way and the nights are drawing out. This is brilliant but can mean reading at home gets neglected a little. Please, please try to fit in reading with and to your child. It makes such a difference. Also, please will everyone show us that they have read the learning log and that they have read with their child by putting a date and their initials in the learning log every time you read with your child. Thank you.

Lacrosse

Our lacrosse team competes in the area championships on Tuesday. Children on the team will leave school after an early lunch, returning for the end of the school day. We love our lacrosse!

Bags2School

I have attached the bags2school bag to this letter. They will be collected on Tuesday 21st May – all proceeds to school.

Can You Help?

Our outdoor play sheds are in need of a bit of TLC. Can you spare a couple of hours to do some painting? If so we would be incredibly grateful (FOREVER!!!) Mrs Dowes has told me not to go over the top but really I do mean FOREVER!!! We will supply you with regular refreshments.

Yours sincerely

Helen Hepworth
Headteacher

