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News Update 10th Jan 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year. I hope that you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for the term ahead. It's been a short week. Our week started with training for staff on Monday. We looked at our reading curriculum and undertook some Safeguarding training in the afternoon. It's been a week of learning for everyone.

A warm welcome to all our new starters this week. We have opened our new Nursery class this week and welcomed 28 new children to our Nursery Setting. Welcome to our Jericho family.

We started the year with some great news which I shared on Facebook. We have been named as the number one primary school in Cumberland. This is a great achievement for our children and staff. A huge congratulations to everyone. [Revealed: The best primary schools in the Cumberland Council area | News and Star](#)

A few reminders:

Reception Starters 2025 - Application deadline: The deadline for applying for a Reception Place at Jericho is **15th January 2025**. Any parent wishing a child to attend our school who would be starting as a Reception child in September 2025, must apply for a place. You can apply for a place even if your child has not already attended our nursery class. If your child does attend our Nursery class, you will still need to apply for a Reception place. To apply, please complete the online form: [Apply for a reception place | Cumberland Council](#)

Parents Meetings: Just a reminder that our parents meetings will take place on Wednesday and Thursday - 15th And 16th January. Appointments can be made throughout Parentmail app. Teachers will be sharing an update on learning at this meeting. We have changed our reporting forms slightly. On our forms we have identified areas of strengths in your child's learning and areas that we need to work on.

Assembly Focus: Our school value this term is 'Achievement' and we will be learning, talking and fulfilling this value as much as we can over the coming weeks. We would love to know about any experiences beyond the school day when your family may have gone the extra mile! This for example may be sporting achievements, learning to ride a bike, or tying shoe laces for the first time! It could be any type of achievement that you would like to share with us, and we would love to be a part of it and find out what you all get up to! Send any photographs to goingtheextramile@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk and we will celebrate these in school and on our Facebook page.

Celebrations: A huge shout out for Eli in 4H. Eli has achieved his Silver Chief Scout Award in Cubs. The Chief Scout's Silver Award (CSSA) is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. It's a significant achievement that demonstrates a Cub's ability to try new things, contribute, and persevere. To earn

the CSSA, a Cub must complete: All seven Challenge Awards, including World, Personal, Skills, Adventure, Outdoor, Teamwork, and Team Leader. At least six Activity or Staged Activity Badges

Coming up this term. Please watch this space..... We have organised some great events this term - including internet safety day, a week long celebration for World Book Day and some real adventures at the end of the Spring Term when we think about our Adventure Value. More news to follow.

Looking ahead - Dates for your diary.

15th and 16th January 2025 - Parents Meeting in school.

11th Feb - Safer Internet Day in School

12th Feb - 3H Trip to Keswick Museum

13th Feb - 3W Trip To Keswick Museum

13th Feb - Year 2 - Trip to Trotters Farm

14th Feb - School Closes for the Half Term Holiday - 3:30 p.m. After School Club as normal.

24th Feb - School Opens for Spring Term 2 - Breakfast Club as normal.

Wk beginning - 24th Feb - IEP Meetings

3rd March - Story Telling Week in School

3rd March - 14th March - Year 6 Swimming every afternoon

4th March - Year 4 Visit to the Beacon Museum

9th March - Dress up day in school - Imaginary Characters Theme

28th March - Class Photos in school

4th April - School Closes for the Easter Break at 3:30 p.m. After School Club as normal.

22nd April - School Opens for Summer Term 1