# Headteacher update – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

It's been such a busy few weeks in school with various fundraising and sporting events, trips and visitors to school. We've also had World Book Day with everyone in school dressed as book characters for the day. There was such an array of different characters and costumes on display which was wonderful to see. As always, your support with everything that the children have been getting involved in has been invaluable and is much appreciated by the staff in school. We can't thank you enough!

As you are already aware, there have been teacher strikes taking place across the country over the past two days. Thank you for your patience if you have been waiting for email responses or trip updates from staff during those days. Despite being able to keep the school open, we weren't able to monitor all messages and emails sent to the class teachers. *Mrs Broom* 

## **Forest Schools**

After many dry weeks, the weather has turned very wet which unfortunately disrupted our Forest School last Monday. As the forecast for both the weekend and next Monday is looking very wet, we have taken the decision to postpone our next Forest Schools session until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Class 2 Farm Visit**

Last Friday, Class 2 were invited by the Westmorland Agricultural Society to Wood Broughton Farm, near Cartmel. They had such a wonderful time exploring this working farm and meeting lots of the animals there. They were even lucky enough to be there to see two lambs being born.

On Monday this week, they had a follow-up session in school from volunteers from the Agricultural Society who were able to teach the children lots more about working life on a Cumbrian farm.

# **Friends of Cartmel School**

The Friends are very busy helping to raise funds for our school library.

They organised a second-hand book fair for us on 3<sup>rd</sup> March (following on from World Book Day). Thanks, to the generosity of parents who donated some beautiful books, the children were able to buy new books to take home and enjoy.

The next event is the Easter Bingo which is taking place next Friday straight after school. Information has been sent out via School Spider and is also on the end of this newsletter. It's sure to be good fun so do please come along and enjoy it with us.

### Dance Festival - Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal

Class 3 have been working hard with Mrs Yarrow on their piece for next week's Dance Festival in Kendal. Mrs Yarrow has sent a message out via School Spider today confirming timings for next Tuesday. We are planning to leave school with the children at 2:30pm so there will be no need for parents to come to school to collect them if they are taking part. Please liaise with Mrs Yarrow over arrangements for your child's evening meal.

Children whose parents are not coming to watch the dance festival, or who were unable to get tickets, will be brought back to school in the minibus and will need to be collected from outside the school hall. They are expected back at school at about 8:30pm.

### **Sporting Success!**

It's been a couple of busy sporting months for everyone at school.

Earlier in the month, our Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Sports Hall Athletics up at the Priory High School and children from across the school took part in the Key Steps Gymnastics competition. Our gymnastics team won their competition and returned again last week to compete in the next round. Everyone in the team did a fantastic job and were wonderful advocates of our school! The competition continues for some of the team as our Key Stage 1 children won again and will be travelling to Penrith at the end of the month to compete with winners from across Cumbria.

We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of Miss Taylor-Crozier and Miss Hargan who spent time after school training our gymnasts.





We are very proud of all of our Key Stage Gymnasts!

> Our artisan breadmaking club was very popular this week. A huge thankyou to Mr Wade for giving up his time to teach the children.





Enjoying lambing time at Wood Broughton Farm.



# **Bingo-ing for Books!**

Help us renew the school library. Bring along the family for a fun evening. £3.50 per person includes a bingo book for 4 games of bingo and a hot dog!



Some eggcelent prizes to be won! Provided by The Pastures

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 5:30pm



The school Hall

All welcome!



It would help us plan refreshments if you could let us know if you intend to join us either in person, whatsapp or Friends of Cartmel C of E Primary School Facebook page. Thank you.