

'Start of Year' Newsletter

Mr Storey's Monthly Round-Up



"Pupils say they love being in school and that other pupils are friendly, kind, understanding and helpful" (Ofsted 2022)



"The school feels busy, vibrant and welcoming and the pupils are polite and respectful of one another" (Ofsted 2017)

Achieve, Believe, Create, Dream Together, developing a love of learning.



Welcome back!

Whether you're returning to our school community or joining us for the first time, we are so glad to have you with us. We hope you have all had a relaxing and restful summer holiday and enjoyed some quality family time.

It has been lovely to meet our new arrivals who have started their time at Cullercoats Primary School settling into the school and our routines swiftly and amicably. It is always lovely to see new faces!

Here's to a positive and productive year ahead.

Already this term we have been to Whitehouse Farm (Y3), had a visit from Joe Fishburn (the winner of BBC Gladiators), started a new club - Cosmic Kids Yoga, Storytelling and Mindfulness (Y2), been to Sunderland Climbing Wall (Y6) and more!

The school has successfully been awarded Artsmark Silver by the Arts Council England. We are extremely proud of this award as it highlights the wide ranging opportunities that our children receive here at Cullercoats Primary School. We look forward to going for gold!



**Artsmark
Silver Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

OPAL

Heading into the winter months, it is advised that all children have a pair of wellies to keep at school, as well as appropriate rain coats and trousers, hat, scarves and gloves. Every child in the school has been bought a drawstring bag, kindly by the PTA, to keep in school to store wellies and outdoor clothing etc in.

We are collecting in natural Autumn materials to be used, as part of our play at break and lunchtimes, to make art. If you have any conkers or acorns please bring them in!

Dates for Diary

Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th October	Year 4 High Borrans Residential Trip	We are so excited for the adventure and to make lots of memories!
Tuesday 14 th October	Reception/KS1 Disco <i>during the school day</i>	More info will be sent out soon
	KS2 Silent Disco 5:30 - 7:00pm	Buy tickets via Schoolgateway
Thursday 16 th October	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale & Halloween Costume Swap Shop	North hall after school
Saturday 18 th October	Family Ceilidh Fundraiser 6:00 - 8:00pm <i>Cullercoats Crescent Club</i>	Buy tickets via Schoolgateway
Monday 20 th October	Parents Evening	More info will be sent out soon
Tuesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 4 th November	Photographer Day (Individual photos)	Please give consent via Schoolgateway
Tuesday 11 th November	Photographer Day (Sibling photos)	
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need	Non-uniform 'spotty' day £1 donation



Christmas 'Dates for Diary' will be sent out next week.



Reminders & Updates!



Black Trainers

We are happy for children to come to school wearing black trainers as we encourage children to be active during the school day. It also makes it easier to put wellies on and off for OPAL play.

No More Lining Up

For some of our children, the hustle and bustle of the yard followed by the lining up process in the mornings can be quite overwhelming.

From next week, we have decided to trial the children entering school in the morning without having to line up on the yard. We will be doing this for the next five weeks.

This is a process that we use at the end of the lunchtime period and sometimes on an inclement weather day where we have noticed works exceptionally well for filtering the pupils into the cloakrooms and their classrooms.

The Reception/KS1 and KS2 main doors on the yard will be open from 8:45am to allow children to filter straight into school. Supporting staff will be available on the main doors should a parent wish to get a message to the teacher.

The external yard gates will be opened by Mr Kergon just before 8:45am after the children in the Breakfast Club have been brought inside.

The dismissal of children will continue as normal at hometime.

Parking

Unfortunately, due to lack of use on Beacons Field car park, there is no longer free parking available at morning drop-off and hometime pick-up times.

I would like to remind all those car users who transport their children to school to park appropriately around the vicinity of the building respecting the access required by our neighbours.

Sustainable Transportation

We encourage active travel to our school by having scooter racks and bike sheds available for the children. The physical and mental benefits of exercise and active transport are well documented and known.

Lost Property

Please can we ask parents to label all items of clothing that children bring to school. There is a lost property box located in the office that you are welcome to have a look in if anything goes missing.