Autumn 1 Newsletter

Mr Storey's Half Termly Round-Up

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

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

Below are some of the highlights that have occurred this half term, upcoming events, updates & reminders:

What have we been up to?

Trips, Events and Clubs

This half term, pupils have taken part in… Sunderland Climbing Wall trip (Y6), library visits, football club (KS2), BetteronBikes cycle rides (Y4), swimming lessons (Y6), hockey club (Y4&Y6), Connect Mental Health Programme (Y6), Ukelele lessons (Y4), Choir (Y4-Y6), lunchtime choir (Y3), singing with nursery, Phonics Stay & Play (Reception & Y1), Open The Book RE assembly, Red Cross First Aid workshop (6WP), Fun Lunch 'Space Day', Reception 'Dream Job' Dress-Up Day, High Borrans Residential trip (Y4), Jacqueline Wilson online event (Y5), Cullercoats Methodist Church & St Georges Church trips (Y1), Heritage visit to North Shields Fish Quay (6LG), Disco!, Anti-Bullying Workshop (Y5), Halloween Day (Nursery), Birthday Party Day (Reception) and much more!

Cross Country Success

Our KS2 children recently took part in our annual intra-class cross country event on Beacons Field. A huge well done to everyone who participated and gave it their all! Following this event, 48 children from KS2 went on to represent Cullercoats Primary at the regional cross country competition at Temple Park in South Shields. We are incredibly proud of all our runners for their fantastic effort and determination. *Well Done Team Cullercoats!*

Hockey Festival Fun

Yesterday, our Y4 Hockey Club pupils had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a hockey festival at Marden Bridge Middle School. The children enjoyed putting their hockey skills into practice, working together as a team and gaining valuable experience.



Food Bank Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated items for The Bay Foodbank. These donations will make a real difference to local individuals and families in need.

Children's Cancer North Awards 2026

On Wednesday, we were delighted to attend the Children's Cancer North Awards to celebrate the incredible fundraising efforts of our school community raising £8,827.51! We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and helped raise such an amazing amount for this very worthy cause.

Ofsted Inspection Report

I hope you have had time to read our wonderful Ofsted report. Ofsted have given the school clear next steps and will be back for a monitoring visit within two years. The inspection report is available to view here

Thank you once again for your continued support, both during the inspection and throughout the school year.

One particular quote from the report perfectly captures our school: *"Cullercoats Primary School is welcoming and fun. Pupils love the many opportunities, experiences and activities the school provides."*

Reminders & Updates!





Outdoor Clothing

- Wellies to be kept in school in the welly storage area – please ensure names are on them.
- Coats to be worn every day as the weather changes.

Blue Bags

Each child has been given a bag to store a change of clothes if children get muddy/wet, kindly funded by the PTA, to be kept in school.

Please send in a spare set of clothes in a plastic bag so we can transfer them into their OPAL bags.
Spare clothes do not need to be school uniform – can be spare socks, underwear, t-shirt, jumper, leggings, jogging bottoms etc.









Donations Please!

Pallets, pipes and cones

If you have any of these items at home or can source them through friends, family, or local businesses, we would greatly appreciate your donations. These materials will help us create an imaginative and stimulating outdoor play environment where children can explore, build, and learn through play.

Important Reminder – School Grounds Safety

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask all parents/carers and children to follow these reminders at the end of the school day:

- **Please leave the school yard promptly after collection** so that we can safely prepare the area for Out of School Club
- **No climbing on trees** within the school grounds
- **No running/scooting/cycling** on the school car park road. Please stay on the path.
- **No swinging or climbing on the school gates**

Upcoming next Half Term…

School Photograph Days

Tuesday 3rd November (Individual photographs)
Tuesday 17th November (Sibling photographs)





OPAL Sponsored Bounce Day

Thursday 5th November

Click here to see some super Cullercoats Primary bouncers in action!

Children from Nursery through to Year 6 will take part in this fun event during the school day.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home and we would be very grateful for any support you can give. Sponsorship money can be paid via the **Schoolgateway.**
Every penny raised will go directly towards developing and enhancing our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision helping us to provide even more exciting play opportunities and resources for all children.

Non-Uniform 'Spotty' Day

Friday 13th November

Spots & Dots!

Whether it be clothes or faces!

Donations of **£1** on the day would be greatly appreciated to go towards a good cause





Coffee Morning

Wednesday 25th November

Parent support workshop with North Tyneside Parent Carer Forum. Open to any parent/carer who has a child/children who experiences difficulties or struggles in their lives or who has any Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEN). *No diagnosis required to join us.*

RSVP via the Schoolgateway

Robin Hood Pantomime

Friday 27th November

In school for Years 1 to Year 6

We are kindly asking parents/carers for a voluntary donation of £3

Donations can be made via the Schoolgateway. Thank you!





KS1 Nativity Performances

Thursday 3rd December 2:00pm (Y1 parents invited)

Friday 4th December 9:30am (Y2 parents invited)

We kindly ask that a maximum of 2 adults attend per family due to limited space in the school hall.

All children in KS1 will be in both performances.

KS2 Carol Service Performances

Wednesday 9th December 9:45am (Y3 and Y4 parents invited)

Wednesday 9th December 1:45pm (Y5 and Y6 parents invited)

St Georges Church, Cullercoats

All are welcome – parents, grandparents etc. No need to book a seat, just come along!

All children in KS2 will be in both performances.



Bottles & Chocs Non-Uniform Day

Friday 11th December

We are kindly asking children to bring in a bottle or chocolate for our Christmas tombola after school on this day. Children can wear non-uniform.





Christmas Parties

Nursery -	Tuesday 15th December
Reception -	Monday 14th December
Year 1 -	Tuesday 15th December
Year 2 -	Wednesday 16th December
Year 3 -	Monday 14th December
Year 4 -	Tuesday 15th December
Year 5 -	Wednesday 16th December
Year 6 -	Wednesday 16th December



Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 16th December

We will inform parents as to when you can order a Christmas lunch online via SchoolGrid

£2.65 for children in Nursery, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Free for children in Reception, Y1, Y2

Free for children eligible for benefit-based Free School Meals

Festive Non-Uniform Day

Friday 18th December

Children can come to school wearing non-uniform.

Festive clothing/santa hats/christmas jumpers optional!



The ‘Collingwood Farm’ Storytime with author, Martin Lee

Saturday 31st October

10:30am

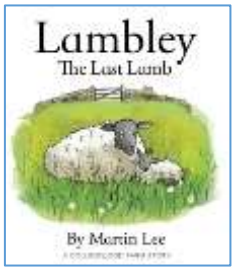
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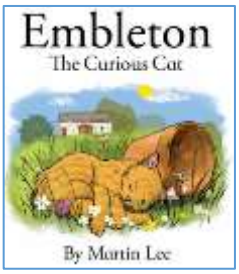
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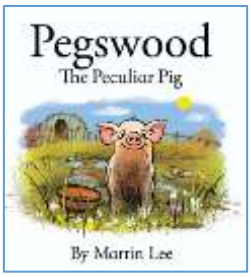
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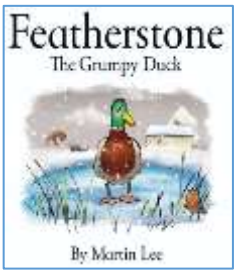
Martin’s ‘Collingwood Farm’ series features animal characters named after North East towns and villages, including Lambley the Last Lamb and Embleton the Curious Cat.

A unique opportunity to hear the stories read by the author himself bringing the characters to life. Following the storyline session, children can take part in fun farmyard themed crats inspired by the books. Perfect for families.









Whitley Bay Community Hub and Library

Free
Family Fun & Information Day
30th October 10:30am-2pm

Citizens Advice Bureau



Badge Making



Business & IP Centre North East

Halloween Crafts





Healthwatch

Plus more financial advice stalls

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As the first half term comes to a close, we want to wish all our pupils, families and staff a joyful, relaxing, and well-deserved half term break.