

# Patterdale C of E School

A loving family in a unique environment

## Newsletter

## Second Half Spring Term 2025

We hope that you have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Please can all parents read the list below carefully as we have had quite a few children missing essential items of clothing/equipment. Please make sure that your child has their name in items of clothing, and the previous owners name has been removed (otherwise this confuses both the children and staff). Thank you.

All events mentioned in the newsletter are on the SchoolPing calendar so please do check it at the start of the week and each morning to see what's going on, it only takes seconds!

### What your child needs at school

- **Uniform** All items need to be **NAMED** (please!)
- **PE Bag** Their bag should contain trainers, PE t-shirt, dark shorts, spare socks, pants and leggings or joggers.
- **Outdoor Clothing** Each child needs a waterproof coat, waterproof leggings and wellies in school every day, also a hat and gloves.
- **Water bottle** A named water bottle to be taken home each day to be cleaned.
- **Book Bag**
- **Tissues** A packet of tissues that your child can keep in their tray.
- **Footwear** Your child can either wear shoes **or hard soled slippers whilst indoors** – they do not need both. The slippers need to be sensible, no logos or characters please. These need to be fitted, not with an open back.

## Facebook

We would encourage you all to log in to the school Facebook page as this is where you will find out what we have been up to on a daily basis. **Please share widely!**

## Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. To help raise money for this worthy cause this day will be a non-uniform day. Please bring a donation and some jokes.

## U Dance

Just a reminder, the **U Dance Cumbria Festival** in Carlisle is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at The Crown and Mitre Hotel Carlisle, we hope you were all successful in obtaining tickets!

If any parent is struggling to pick up their child from Carlisle, please let us know and we'll see if another parent can do this for you. If you do have a spare seat on the return journey and are willing to transport a child, please let us know.

We will provide the children with a white t-shirt as part of their costume. Please can the children bring a pair of plain black leggings or jogging pants to wear. These can be ones from their PE kit.

## Tim & Trace

Tim, Trace and Bertie have been a big part of our school family for many years, and their collective worships are a great source of entertainment for both the children and staff. They will be retiring in May so their last visit to us will be before May Half term. We would like to thank them both for all of their support and the love they have shown us over the years, and wish them a VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT!

## After School Clubs this half term

### Monday

- Mrs Butcher 3:15-5pm
- Karate 3:15pm –4.15pm

### Tuesday

- Mrs Butcher 3:15- 5pm

### Wednesday

- Football with a coach and Mrs Butcher 3:15- 5pm

### Thursday

- Miss Kendall and Mrs Curry 3:15- 5pm

### Friday

- Coach Lucy 3:15-4:15pm

**£2.50 per session except for football and Coach Lucy which are £4.00**

## Collective Worship Tuesdays

As you know we will be enjoying **Collective Worship** at St Patrick's Church from 2:45-3.15pm every Tuesday with Andrew, and you and all of the community are very welcome to join us.

**However** can we remind you that there will be no collective worship in church for the first two weeks of this half term as Andrew is away, **the 11<sup>th</sup> of March will be the first one in church.** We've updated the SchoolPing calendar as a reminder, so keep checking it please.

# Dates for Your Diary

## February

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Newcastle residential Year 5/6

## March

3<sup>rd</sup> UCC work experience student with us for the week

4<sup>th</sup> **Wheelchair basketball & rugby**

5<sup>th</sup> Eden Rock climbing competition for our KS 2 team

17<sup>th</sup> **U Dance at Carlisle**

21<sup>st</sup> Red Nose Day

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> **Nursery and reception parent consultations**

25<sup>th</sup> Lego League competition

26<sup>th</sup> **Tim and Trace**

27<sup>th</sup> Parent Support Group meeting 8:45am

31<sup>st</sup> ***Opera Magic at the Inn on the Lake***

## April

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 – Year 6 parent consultations

4<sup>th</sup> **Last day of term**

22<sup>nd</sup> First day of the summer term

26<sup>th</sup> **Big Breakfast fundraiser for school**

## Opera Magic

Pat Johnston has very kindly donated an opera experience for the children, thank you Pat! The London Festival Opera will be performing '**Opera Magic**' at **The Inn on the Lake** on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** in the afternoon.

Please can the children be picked up from the hotel unless they are coming back to school for After School Club. We would like to say a huge thank you to Pat for giving us this once in a lifetime experience.

## Great Work!

Well done to all of those children who have been completing their homework on **Time Table Rock Stars** and **Spelling Shed**. We are really impressed with some of their progress. Well done and keep up the great work 😊 Special prizes have been given out.

The 2 programmes are the children's homework for the week and only require a short time. It really does make a difference if the children are using them little and often. Please encourage your children to do these activities.

Well done on the children who managed 4 reads per week for the half term. We had 2 children in Keldas class and 10 children in Helvellyn. Keep up the brilliant work!!

It would be great to try and get everyone getting 4 reads per week during the second half of the term. We can do this!!

## Fundraising

- There will be an Easter Raffle this half term, with a Cadbury's chocolate hamper up for grabs, and Easter Egg runner up prizes... Yum! Yum! Tickets will be available soon, please encourage everybody that you know to buy a number or two, thanks!



**200 Club**

- Also coming soon ... drum roll... is the 200 Club 2025-26! Please keep an eye out on SchoolPing for details of how you can renew or join this illustrious group. Again, the more numbers we can sell the better.... For £10 you get twelve chances to win prizes of £30, £20 & £10!

# Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you for your support for this very deserving cause. Nicky Steels has delivered 4 bin bags full of containers. Well done all!!!



## Support Group Meeting

We are holding a Parent Support Group meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8:45am. It would be great to get as many parents there as possible.

We have a Big Breakfast planned for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April and we would like as many people as possible to help organise and help on the day. Many hands make light work!! These events pay towards residential and school trips! Plus allow us to provide the best education we can for your children.

## An offer to school parents/pupils from Steve & Sarah at Ullswater eBikes...

### Grab These Ex -Hire eBikes at a Great Price!!!

We are starting to sell off our hire fleet of eBikes to make room for our New Fleet for 2025! While they are ex rental and have some slight cosmetic wear and tear, they have been maintained meticulously, and are in great shape overall.

These bikes are sure to go fast!

We will be posting them on our website soon, so if you or anyone you know are interested, don't wait—get in touch with us today!

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## Our School Vision

*Lifting our eyes to the hills, we are a happy school filled with love for our place and all people. We recognise and nurture the uniqueness of everyone.*

Many thanks for reading this newsletter and for your continued support.

## Nicky and Nicola

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

### National Online Safety 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday  
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- 1 Which apps/games are you using at the moment?**  
This will give you a good overview of the types of things your children are doing on their devices, along with their interests. Remember that they might not tell you everything they are using, so it is a good idea to ask them to show you their device. Because new apps and games are released regularly, it is important to have this conversation often to ensure you are up to date with what they are doing.
- 2 Which websites do you enjoy using and why?**  
As in the tip above, asking this question will allow you to find out what your child is doing online, and encourage positive conversations about their online activity. Ask them how they use the websites and take an interest in how they can use them in a positive way, also asking them to show you if possible.
- 3 How does this game/app work? Can I play?**  
SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.
- 4 Do you have any online friends?**  
Children can form positive relationships with people online, and this has become more common thanks to online multi-player options, but they may not fully understand the difference between a friend and a stranger. You could make the question more specific to your child, for example: "Have you met anyone online that you like to play games with?" They may not want to share this information with you, so ensure you teach them about healthy relationships.
- 5 Do you know where to go for help?**  
Although you may be the adult they trust the most, some children struggle to talk about what happens online due to confusion or embarrassment. Because of this they may struggle to approach the normal people who would help, such as yourself or a teacher. Have a chat to your child about exactly where they can go for help, and how they can report any activity that they believe is inappropriate online.
- 6 Do you know what your personal information is?**  
Your child may already know what their personal information is but they might not think about how it can be shared. Have a conversation about what personal information is and how this can affect them if it is shared beyond the intended recipient. It is important that your child understands the dangers of sharing contact details or photos, as information such as this can spread quickly online.
- 7 Do you know your limits?**  
CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEIR SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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