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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



Congratulations to Year 6 who gave a wonderful final performance, showcasing their amazing talents in singing, dance and drama. Rev. Sheilagh and Rev. Plummer presented them with bibles and crosses. We are very proud of their hard work this year and hope they will continue to shine in their new



Our Shining Lights

This half term our Christian value had been compassion. Jesus demonstrated compassion for others through his many acts of healing and support for those less fortunate. We have been considering how we make a difference to others. These children have really shone.



On to pastures new...

We said farewell to Mrs Pace, our Spanish teacher, Mrs Buckley a classroom Assistant and netball coach and Mr Boyd our caretaker and popular football coach. The children put on a special thank you assembly and I am sure you will join in with us to wish them all the very best in the future.

Message from the Headteacher

I cannot believe how quickly another year has flown by! This has been another busy year with lots of exciting enrichment opportunities (look at our website under the heading 'Pupil Zone'). As well as a year where children have made super progress. My thanks to all the staff for their hard work; to our parent/carers for their continued support in helping us to give your child the very best education we can; to our governors for their continued support and challenge; and at last but not least to our children who amaze us every day, make us smile and extremely proud. It just leaves me to wish you all a wonderful holiday with your families and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th September.



Summer Reading Challenge

Many thanks to parents for all the hard work and encouragement that you put into supporting your children with reading. We had a visit from Deefor the dragon who told us about an exciting Summer Reading Challenge with rewards along the way! The challenge is open to all children (4 -11 years) and is FREE! To complete the challenge, children need to visit Crown Street or Cockerton Library three times over the summer and borrow books to read. There will be lots of stickers and prizes for the children. You will also be entered into a raffle to win a FREE school disco for your child's class.



Sports Day was a great success! Reception to year six participated in sprinting, relays, obstacle races, egg and spoon as well as team races. The children had a wonderful afternoon displaying their talents in front of a huge crowd of parents and grandparents. The children did themselves proud displaying good sporting qualities and determination. Well done to Team Mark who were this year's victors. Many thanks to our wonderful PTFA who organised stalls on the day. An amazing £403.60 was raised.

Community links through sport



The PE staff try to encourage the pupils to participate in sport both in and outside of school whilst explaining the benefits which come from

joining a club. Due to this we have seen a vast improvement over the last year with many pupils displaying their accomplishments from clubs outside of school.

Children take part in a wide range of different sports i.e. football, basketball, taekwondo, gymnastics, rugby and dance. Our pupils are not only enjoying an exciting time

but being successful at all ages and ability levels inside and out of school. We are so proud of these pupils who show dedication and passion for the sports they love. If you are part of a club outside of school tell us about it and we will add you to our display.



Well done to EYFS and their families for completing the Big Toddle despite the weather! They raise a magnificent £278.18 for Barnardos.

School Uniform

When the children return in September their uniform should be grey or black trousers/skirt, white or blue polo shirt/blouse and a royal blue jumper or cardigan. Shoes must be **plain** black with plain black laces. Girls should wear grey or white tights or socks and hair ties should be in school colours please. **No shaved patterns or extreme haircuts for September please.**

PE kit should be left in school in a small bag on your child's coat peg so it is ready for their lesson. **Please make sure all items of clothing are named.**

Thank you.



PE Kit

We achieve two hours of physical education for every child per week, however this is becoming harder to achieve with some pupils not having the correct PE kit available this includes; trainers/sandshoes, shorts and a t-shirt. We hope that every child in school will have the correct kit when we return to school in September. Thank you for your cooperation.

Marvellous Mathletics!

Well done to Lexii and Keira (Y1) who achieved places on the 'World Hall of Fame' for their wonderful mathletics work. All children from Y1 to Y5 have their own accounts which they can access during the summer.



Please note that Universal Free School Meals cease for all Y2 pupils when they move onto Year3 (KS2) in September. School meals will cost £2 a day (£10 a week) from September.