

## KS1 trip to Tullie House/Carlisle Castle



The KS1 class are visiting Tullie House on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> to participate in a workshop based on Florence

Nightingale and to study different types of light used in the past. This will support our topics in science and history.

In the afternoon the children will visit Carlisle Castle. The children will be supervised by Mrs Thompson, Miss Wright and myself. A packed lunch will be provided and the children will return for normal finishing time.

## Maggie Cowells Puppet Show

Maggie and her team will be performing "Its good to be me" as part of their tour around Cumbrian Schools on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We always look forward to giving her a warm welcome.

## Dates for your diary



Tues 27th Sept—Orienteering Years 5/6 Bothel School 1.30p.m.—2.30p.m.

Wed 28th Sept—Maggie Cowells puppets a.m. theme 'We need each other'

Monday Oct 3rd Harvest Festival at Church 1.45p.m. Parents/Carers and grandparents are very welcome.

Tues 4th Oct—Creative morning for Year 6's at Solway School

Wed 5th Oct—Solway Open Evening for Year 6's

Tues 11th Oct—KS1 to Tullie House to learn about Florence Nightingale & visit to Castle.

Wed 11th Oct—Library Van visit

Thurs 13th Oct—Macmillan Afternoon tea 3.30p.m.—4.30p.m.

Sat 15th Oct—Carlisle versus Hartlepool football match

## Afternoon Tea for Macmillan Cancer Charity

Just a reminder about our afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan that is coming up on Thursday 13th October from 3.30p.m.—4.30p.m. in the school hall.

Parents/carers/grandparents/friends/neighbours and villagers are all very welcome to this event.

If you are able to bake a cake/cakes/tray bake or have a raffle prize that you can donate, please see Mrs Walker in the office.

Some of the children will also be having a stall 'Guess the name of the Frog that is living in our nature reserve'.

Please come and support this very worthwhile charity.



## Pupil Voice

I am pleased to confirm that Samantha, Jaxson and Shannon have all been elected onto Allonby School Pupil Voice. This group is really important in representing the school by voicing the collective thoughts of all children in making suggestions to make school life better in any way. In the first meeting they suggested that the Nature Reserve fencing be painted a natural colour (green) to reflect its character. Also they are organising a fund raising initiative to raise additional money for the Mc Millan Coffee morning by holding a competition to name the frog that has created a home within the pond in the nature reserve.



## Extra -Curricular Clubs

The clubs will continue with the times as follows:-

Monday Cricket	3.30-4.30
Tuesday Cheerleading	3.15-4.15
Wednesday Lets get Cooking (4 weeks)	3.30-5.30
Sports Club	3.15-4.15

These clubs provide an excellent variety of opportunities for the children. The focus in each is developing specific skills whilst having fun. It is essential that excellent behaviour is displayed at each club as this is a pre-requisite for being able to attend.

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## Newsletter from Head Teacher to Parents

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I am pleased to inform all parents that the children have settled down really well into the new academic year at school. It is lovely to have some new faces in school. Some of our new starters attended their first external trip last week when the Reception children joined children from the small schools consortium at St Michaels School in Bothel for a Teddy Bears Picnic. The children represented the school well and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. There are many more activities planned before now and half term which are detailed further in the newsletter.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Regards  
David Owen  
Head Teacher

### Let's get Cooking

This superb initiative organised by Barnardo's started last night in school 3.30-5.30. I was pleased to report that it was well attended. The focus is on the children supported by their Mum or Dad (or Grandparent) being instructed on how to prepare and cook a healthy meal which can then be taken home to enjoy. The scheme runs for 4 weeks so if you missed the first session you are more than welcome to attend the remaining 3 evenings.



### Allonby School goes from strength to strength

I am pleased to confirm that yet again our Y6 SATs results far exceeded national average figures last year. Although the new SATs were shrouded in controversy, the plain facts are that we exceeded the % figure for pupils achieving the expected standard based on their performance in KS1 in Writing, Reading and Mathematics and in the combination of all 3 subjects. The progress made in Reading by our school was only equalled by 5% of schools nationally which is a fantastic result. I have every confidence that our current cohort of students in Y6 will at least equal this performance.



### Harvest Festival

Reverend Mary Day has kindly invited us to Allonby Church on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1.45 for Harvest Festival. All proceeds will go to The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal which will raise money to support projects throughout the world that will help families make the best use of the land available to them to grow a healthy harvest and have a brighter future. For example just £27.50 will provide droplet irrigation for a vegetable plot in Argentina.

All parents are invited to attend the service during which the children will read their prayers and sing Harvest songs. We will be grateful for any loose change that the children can bring into school to position on a picture of crops starting next Monday. Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.