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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back After Half Term!
It has been wonderful welcoming all of our pupils back after a refreshing half-term break! We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening—it was a resounding success, and it was fantastic to see so many of you and speak about the brilliant progress and achievements of each pupil.
This half term, we are excited to announce that our new Eco Committee has been selected and is ready to get to work! This ties in perfectly with our School Value for this half term, which is Responsibility. Over the coming weeks, we will be focusing specifically on our responsibility to the planet and exploring ways we can all make a positive difference. Finally, the festive season is fast approaching, and Christmas preparations are already well underway—stay tuned for more exciting details soon!

Marking Remembrance Day
On Wednesday, **11th November**, our pupils will be coming together to observe Remembrance Day and pay their respects to those who served and gave their lives for our country. As part of our local commemorations, the children will walk to the Memorial Hall to lay a wreath on behalf of the entire school community. They will also visit the local church to explore historical records and hear inspiring stories about the brave individuals from our own town who sacrificed so much. It promises to be a poignant and meaningful experience, helping our pupils connect deeply with our local history and understand the importance of remembrance.



Poppy sales are still on until the end of the 11th November – have you got your slap band?

Celebrate Children in Need on Friday, 13th November!



Get ready for a fantastic day of fun, all planned by our wonderful School Council! On **Friday, 13th November**, we invite all children to come to school in their comfiest pyjamas. If they wish, they can also bring along their favourite teddy bear for the day. We kindly ask for a **£1 donation** to support this great cause.

During playtime, there will be a delicious healthy snack sale with items available for just **50p each**. We will also be running a thrilling colouring Pudsey competition throughout the day, where one lucky winner will receive a special treat and **5 house points**! We can't wait to see everyone's pyjamas and creative artwork.

Anti-Bullying Week: 16th – 20th November!

Our school is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week to celebrate what makes us all unique and to promote kindness across our school community. To kick off the week in fun style, we are holding **Odd Sock Day on Monday, 16th November**! We invite all children to come to school wearing their most colourful, mismatched odd socks. It's a fantastic, light-hearted way to express individuality and show

our collective support for standing up to bullying. We look forward to seeing everyone's bright and brilliant socks!

A Huge Thank You for Our Harvest Festival Donations!

We have received a lovely message of thanks following our recent Harvest Festival collection:

"Please pass on our huge thanks to everyone at school for the generous donation to upper-Elms Food Bank (UEFB). Life continues to be difficult for many local families and individuals due to the high cost of living and circumstances beyond their control. It is truly heartening to know that our local community continues to think of others."

A massive thank you to all our families for your incredible generosity and support. Your contributions make a real, positive difference to people in our local community who need it most!

Our New Eco Committee!

We are thrilled to officially announce the appointment of our new School Eco Committee! A huge congratulations to the passionate pupils who applied and were selected to represent their classmates this year. These dedicated young leaders are already bursting with brilliant ideas to help make our school greener and more sustainable. We are so proud of their enthusiasm for protecting the environment, and we can't wait to see the positive changes they will bring to our school community!

Diary Dates
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- 12th November – Yr 3/4 - Hockey, Penrith – PM
- 13th November – Children in Need
- 16th November – Odd Sock Day – Anti-Bullying week
- 20th November – Library Bus visit
- 27th November – Yr1/2 – Basic Moves, Appleby – AM
- 9th December – NISCU Christmas morning
- 10th December – Christmas lunch – wear your Christmas jumper!
- 15th December – Christmas party
- 16th December – Special Visitor!!
- 17th December – Pantomime (Reception – Year 6)
- 17th December – Christmas church service – 2.30pm
- 18th December – Nativity (Village Hall – Pre-school, Reception & Year 1) 10am

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks

Mrs. Z Slack
Headteacher