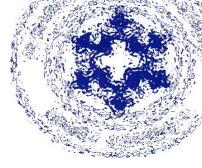
St Marys CE School, Kirkby Lonsdale Newsletter Friday 12th May 2017



Word of the Week:



holus-bolus

meaning: all at once; altogether.

Money Payments - Online

The new online service has proven to be a success in terms of the response to how easy it is to make payments. With an occasional issue which we have tried to work through, we feel that it will be possible to extend this after half term to visit payments. We will keep you informed. To those parents currently using the system, thank you for engaging in the process – we look forward to extending this after the half term break.

Year 1

Year 1 are reading comics and magazines at the moment. If you have any old copies at home that you would like to donate to school, Mrs Day will happily take them off your hands. The children will love them I am sure!

I appreciate that the weather is potentially changing during the weekend, however the weather has been very warm over the past two weeks. During this sunny weather we have become increasingly

Sunny weather – water bottles, caps and sun cream.

aware of the fact that some children do not have water bottles in school. We are also asking for children to come into school with sun cream already applied at home on warm days and children to wear caps/sun hats. This is essential as the children are playing out at lunch time and potentially outdoors in PE.

Staff changes

It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to some of our staff at the end of this year. Mrs Milligan, Mrs Highton and Mrs Hoggarth will all be leaving school at the end of summer term. All three staff have contributed many years of service to the school. They have worked with a generation of children at Kirkby Lonsdale, with them will leave a lot of experience and specialisms working with children. On behalf of myself and the governors, we would like to extend a very special thank you to all three colleagues. If your child currently works closely with Mrs Highton, Mrs Hoggarth or Mrs Milligan, please do not worry we will be making appropriate adjustments for the new school year. We will continue to enjoy their final term with us and keep you informed about future plans to say goodbye and celebrate their contribution in school.

R.E. Visitor – Year 2 and 4



Currently children in Year 2 and 4 are studying Islam as part of their Religious Education. As part of this we will be having a visit from Imran Kotwal, a teacher from the Muslim Learner Services. Imran will join us next Tuesday.

The cost of the visit will be paid for by school and we look forward to his visit. You may wish to be encourage the children to think of appropriate questions to ask in preparation for the visit.

Cricket



Well done to our under 9's cricket team who played at Sedbergh Prep this week. The children played superbly and played well as a team. We look forward to various cricket matches over the next few weeks for both our girls and under 11 boys.

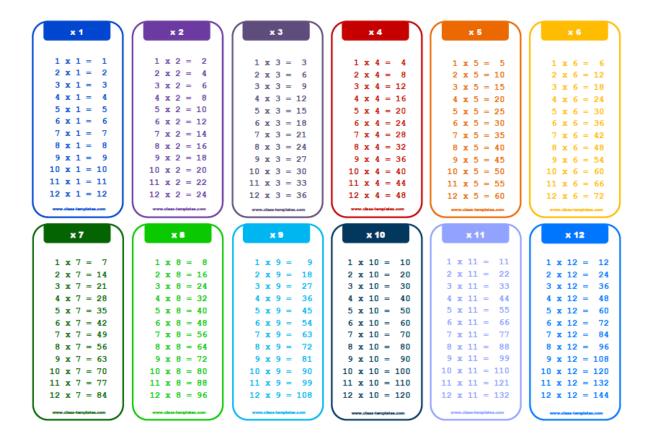
Fairtrade Tea and Coffee Afternoon



After the success of the previous fairtrade coffee afternoon we will be hosting another coffee afternoon from 3:15pm – 4:00pm on Thursday. Parents from all classes are once again invited to join Mrs Neale who will be hosting the event. Please come through the main entrance to Year 3 classroom and have a brew and see the fairtrade products on sale.

Times tables

We are once again having a big push on trying to learn times tables this term. Importantly the children are now required to learn the tables by the end of Year 4. We are getting children to think of the times table eg 8 x 7 = 56 which they find really tricky and learn that specific question. Then go on to the another after learning it. Children can say them out aloud, draw creatively to remember or chant them out aloud eg 8 x 7 = 56. We do find that counting eg 3,6,9,12,15,18,21 etc.. does not help with quick recall so do encourage the children to say 8 times 7 = 56.



Whatever the weather, have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones