

# Newsletter



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## St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents

This week has seen the start of our 'Read Write Inc. Spelling' programme. If your child is in Year 2-6 you will have noticed the log books in the school bags with reading records/planners. As we mentioned last week this log book will highlight words we taught in class and your child might have found tricky. Please sign these each day as your child tries to learn them through the week.

On Monday we are looking forward to seeing the various Home Learning Projects that the children have been creating. Please do support the children but we really hope that the children have ownership of their own projects as they need to explain how they made them and what they are about on Monday. It is always an exciting day when the whole school brings something into school and shares their work with the school.

If you haven't already received your class letter about the routines of the class they are likely to be coming very soon. Hopefully this will allow you to understand the visits, routines and curriculum of the class. We have set up half an hour meetings over the next two weeks straight after school to discuss the forthcoming year. We hope you will be able to join us.

I am also keen to encourage 'Strive for 5' which is our way of encouraging at least five opportunities a week to read out of school. This discussion and exploration of reading with other adults, will complement our teaching and really move your child's reading on in leaps and bounds. Thank you for supporting this and keeping reading exciting.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones  
Headteacher



At the beginning of the year we hand out data sheets and permissions forms for all children. Please can those families who have not handed these in, please do so on Monday. Unfortunately we cannot be in a position where we don't have this information. We will be calling families next week by telephone to arrange for this form to be completed after Monday's deadline, as this is very important for all schools.

## Rugby Training



Well done to those children who took part in rugby training this week at Casterton. The children had a superb time being coached alongside other schools at Sedbergh Prep.

## Reminder – MUFTY DAY – Thursday

Nursery	Sweden
Reception	Sweden
Year 1	Greece
Year 2	Spain
Year 3	France
Year 4	Coatia
Year 5	Iceland
Year 6	Portugal

Each class is exploring a particular country on European Languages Day. Every year we celebrate this day and learn about a new country. This includes the language, geography, history, rulers, food, famous art, traditions etc.. Our children dress up in the colours of the flag or are inspired by the traditional clothing.





### PTA AGM Weds, 26th Sept, 6:00pm



### Nearly New Sale Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic break and are settling back into term-time life without too many tantrums. The PTA are already working on some amazing events. Besides the ever popular film nights and discos (which we will announce dates for soon) we know our Christmas and Summer Fairs promise to be even better this year! We hope you can make it to the PTA AGM. All are welcome to attend and get to know the PTA and how we help to raise funds for a variety of resources for St. Mary's. At the end of every school year, it is inevitable that we lose Y6 parents as members of the PTA.

Our numbers are low now and we need new members to keep up with the workload that goes on behind the scenes of all of these functions. We are thrilled to already have some parents from the Nursery and Reception classes joining the PTA, so please let us know or come to the AGM if you are interested.

Finally, we are putting together this year's Nearly New Sale volunteer team, so please get in touch if you are interested in helping out. It is a big event to plan and we are aiming to hold it twice a year, so all hands on deck, please. If you want to sell your items, you will need to register and get your sellers code, so please contact us through our email: [pta@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk) or via our facebook page. Thanks!

### Please join us for a brew....



Please come and join our team of volunteers offering a brew on Monday from 2:00 – 3:00pm in The Shed!

### Meet the Teacher – Class Meetings (3:30-4:00pm)

We are offering parents the chance to meet the teachers of the classes over the next two weeks to hear about the year ahead. These will all take place from 3:30-4:00pm straight after school, giving teachers a few minutes to release the children at the end of the day. We hope you can join us over the next few weeks.

Year 1	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Miss White
Year 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Smith
Year 3	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Day
Year 4	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Miss Loy
Year 5	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Mr Yates
Year 6	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Mr Bromley

## Cyclewise – Year 6



Cyclewise bike training starts on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> for Year 6.

## Maths Challenge – Year 5

This week we looked at negative numbers in Year 5. We thought you might like to see the challenge that the children have considered. Why not have a go....

Create a Magic Square:

Clue: each row, column and diagonal adds up to -3.

-5   -4   -3   -2   -1   0   1   2   3


Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Jones