

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



Dear Parents

This year sees the trial of the new national times tables assessment in Year 4. This is a new online assessment to test the children's understanding of division and multiplication facts up to 12 times tables.

In anticipation of this we have already begun to prepare our children by purchasing Timetables Rockstars. This not only supports the children in their times tables but enables them to master the ICT element also. Timetables Rockstars challenges the children appropriately and enables them to access learning in school and at home.

All children from Year 2 to 6 have access to this and passwords/username have been issued for any pupils new to our school recently. We hope that as a family you will work in partnership with us to support your child's learning. To ensure the children are confident by Year 4, as we have always done, our children are learning timetable and division facts as below:

By the end of Year 2:           x2, x10, x5 and x3 times table  
By the end of Year 3:        x4, x6, x8, x7 times table  
By Easter of Year 4:         x9, x11, x12 times table

If your child is unable to access Timestable Rockstars at home please let your child's teacher know. We can provide copies of lost passwords and usernames if required. If technology is an issue do let us know and we can provide support where possible in school.

This assessment introduction is part of the Governments changes which also include improving the EYFS assessment and eventually by 2023, removing Year 2 SATS.

Mr Jones  
Headteacher





# Harvest Celebration

## Craft and Food

For Year 1 and 2 families

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2-4:00pm

Staff will take the children to meet families at  
St Mary's Church for craft and food.

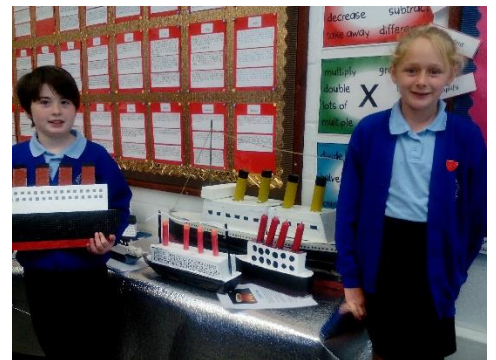
If families are unavailable our staff will take the Y1&2 children until  
3:00pm and leave before food is served and bring the children back to  
school for 3:10pm.



Year 1 and 2 parents have received this promotional information about a special invitation near to Harvest time. Year 1 and 2 families are invited to join their children at the St Mary's Church next Thursday. This is similar to the Mothering Afternoon Tea.

Craft Activities will take place from 2:00 – 3:15 and food will be served at 3:15pm. If you are unable to attend our staff will take the children for the initial part of the event from 2:00-3:00 and walk the children back for the end of the school day. It should be another lovely event for families to attend. We will take all of the children to the Church and meet families at church to save parents coming to school first.

## Home Project Day



Thank you to everyone who produced some amazing projects which the children shared throughout Monday with their class and school friends. We are always impressed with the standard of presentation from Tree Frog posters, superhero costumes, Titanic models, Mayan temples, Egyptian Canopic Jars, Transport models and films, presentations, art, food and much more. Wow what a creative school!

## European Languages Day



What a fun packed day European Languages Day has been with such interesting countries to explore. There have been the extremes in food tasting from dried fish to watermelons. Would you believe it? What excellent dressing up, singing traditional dance and music as well as celebrating the language of each country.

## Food Bank Harvest Challenge - Thursday Harvest 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents

This Harvest, like last year, the children would like to support the Kendal Food Bank. Last year we were able to send enough food to fill a Volvo estate car. Our children have been given the challenge to bring these items in to school on Thursday. I hope you will be able to support us with this

Items can include:

Sugar  
Coffee  
Teabags  
Biscuits  
Instant pasta / noodles  
Part Baked Baguettes / Bread

### Tins of:

Meat/Fish  
Meat pie  
Meat in sauce  
Potatoes  
Vegetables(eg. carrots, peas, sweetcorn)  
Rice pudding  
Fruit Sponge Pudding  
Spaghetti

### Jars/Sachets of:

Pasta Sauces

### Cartons of:

Long-life fruit juice  
UHT milk  
Fruit Squash

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

## Water Bottles



Our junior children have been given a special present of a new water bottle today. These were kindly donated by Sanlam Investments in Kirkby Lonsdale, who sponsor Saracens. We really appreciate the generous gift and hope the children make good use of them.

They have been given out on Friday (today).

## Cross Country Trails



As I am sure you will be aware, it is the beginning of the schools cross country season. We have been holding trials today and will be holding trials on Monday for juniors again. Pupils will be chosen to represent school (4 Boys/Girls per class) U11s and U9s based on their performance at these trails.

It was lovely to see that some of our ex pupils took part in the English Schools Fell Running Championships at Giggleswick on Sunday. Congratulations to our pupils now representing QES last weekend! Results: <https://www.esfrc.org/index.php>

## World Smile Day - Reception Class



Every year, Miss Cook cheers us up by embracing World Smile Day. To celebrate, Miss Cook distributed many smile stickers but the class then took World Smile Day to another level. The class decided to make a big smile out of their bodies and we flew the drone to film and photograph their huge smiley face....

Thank you Reception Class for cheering us all up!

## Fun Facts about Smiling:

- Smiling boosts your immune system
- Smiles relieve stress by releasing endorphins
- It is easier to smile than frown
- It takes 5 to 53 muscles to smile
- Babies are born with the ability to smile
- There are 19 different types of smiles



Year 6 Cyclewise Training - next week!



Year 6 – Please remember to bring your bikes to school. Make sure they are in good working order. Cyclewise takes place throughout next week. Why not get some practice in on your bikes this weekend!

On behalf of everyone at school, we would like to thank you for supporting the many activities taking place to make learning exciting at St Mary's.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Jones