

St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new children into school in our Nursery and Reception as well as those starting throughout the school. It always seems as though our children grow so much over the summer break. It has been lovely to hear about the children's Summer adventures as they share and write about them.

The children have got off to a flying start. There are of course the inevitable first day nerves but these soon ebb away. The children have settled well and are launching into their work. Already children in Reception Class have been exploring the grounds and lessons are in full swing. P.E sessions have already taken place with children taking part in hockey, netball, rugby and various outdoor activities. Music lessons, ICT and science as well as the various topics being studied have ensured a packed week. I am sure as the children begin to plan their own home learning projects, they will become engrossed in their topics for this half term.

This week our whole school theme has been exploring how we can be amazing. We have explored various subjects and watched some inspiring children. We have also looked at how we 'reach for the stars' trying to explore about what wonderful things we could achieve in life.

Our Year 6 pupils are currently considering whether they would like to be Head Boy or Head Girl and are preparing their presentations this weekend. I look forward to hearing these and discovering who will be elected to these prestigious roles this year.

I am sure that we will all be collapsing happily in a heap at the end of the first week and sleeping well. I am also looking forward to the beginning of a full week at St Mary's School. Next week will bring forth the first visit of the year to the Westmorland Show on Thursday for Year 4, 5 and 6. It will also see the arrival of our Summer born children in Reception, who will join those who started throughout this week.

I hope you have a wonderful and enriching weekend.

Best wishes

Mr Jones
Headteacher

One of the most exciting things we can do is enrich our children's vocabulary. With this in mind perhaps you might like to share the word of the week with your family and try to encourage the children to use it in their chat, discussions and writing.

Hogwash – meaning, nonsense

Breakfast and After School Club

For many families, breakfast and after school club is an essential service at the beginning and end of the school day. The staff are dedicated to providing an excellent service and caring for the children. This year has seen a significant demand for this provision in school on certain nights/mornings. Typically we have made every effort to accommodate additional or extra 'one off' requests for the service. With the higher demand for the service there are some nights which are very popular which may mean we are unable to fulfil your request for extra provision. Please speak to Mrs Billington to check availability but we apologise in advance if we are not always able to fulfil your request.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a wonderful opportunity for someone to join our midday supervisor team for some of our lunchtimes. If you know someone who would like to consider this role, please get in touch with Mrs Billington.

Westmorland Show

Year 4-6 are travelling to the Westmorland Show this year which is always a great day out whatever the weather. Please let the school office staff know if you wish to take you child on Thursday. We do give permission for this event. We are unable to provide tickets for the children if they attend with their parents.

Year 5 and 6 – Sports Club

Straight after the Westmorland Show, sports club will take place at the end of the school day for Year 5 and 6. Danny Harper will be providing sports club for Year 5 and 6 this term and then Year 3 and 4 in the spring term. Please ensure you have put your child's name down if you want to join. There are limited spaces.

Homework Club

Homework Club will start with Mrs Gladwinfield on Mondays to provide pupils with a chance to complete their homework supported with a member of staff. Mrs Gladwinfield is committed to supporting the children and providing additional support. Thank you for handing permission forms in promptly. The club runs from 3:15 – 4:15pm on Mondays.

Bus Bay

Below is a picture of a quiet and calm picture of the school bus bay next to school and opposite QES. Parents of both schools occasionally use this bay to drop off their children especially in wet weather. I do however make an annual request to ensure that parents do not park in the bay which makes it very unhelpful and unsafe to drop off our children when the school buses arrive. I believe if parents have been asked by the drivers to move during the mornings this week, on occasion they have been met with rudeness from various parents. Could we please ensure our children are safe by keeping this space free from parked cars and that we treat one another with respect.

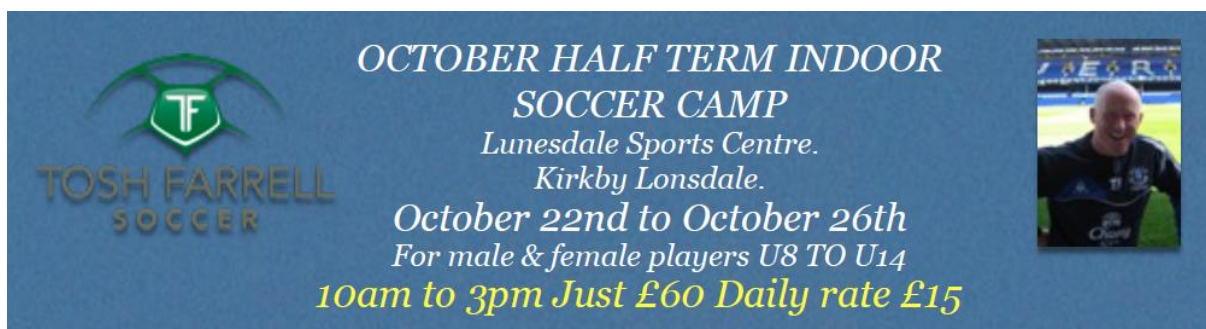


School Drop in – MONDAYS in the new Shed

Starting on the Monday 17th Sept is a 'drop in' which will be based in our new space 'The Shed' which will take place on Mondays from 2:00pm until 3:10/15pm. 'The Shed' is our new room near the Infant yard. This will be a chance to have a tea or a coffee along with cake and meet together. Do let adults picking up children on Mondays that they can come and have a chat and a brew from 2:00pm.

Soccer School

Some of our pupils will have met Tosh Farrell at the end of the Summer term, taking part in a football coaching session. Please see that attached poster if you would like your child to take part in his soccer school at half term.



The poster features a blue background. On the left is the logo for Tosh Farrell Soccer, which includes a green shield with a white 'TF' and the text 'TOSH FARRELL SOCCER' below it. In the center, the text reads: 'OCTOBER HALF TERM INDOOR SOCCER CAMP', 'Lunesdale Sports Centre.', 'Kirkby Lonsdale.', 'October 22nd to October 26th', 'For male & female players U8 TO U14', and '10am to 3pm Just £60 Daily rate £15'. On the right is a small photograph of Tosh Farrell, a man in a dark blue soccer jersey, standing on a field.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Jones