



St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents, family members and parishioners,

**"To me, adventure has always been to me the connections and bonds you create with people when you're there. And you can have that anywhere."
– Bear Grylls**



This week our Year 5 and 6 children are experiencing working together in their house groups to access a range of leadership and outdoor activities. This ranges from knot tying, den building and orienteering as well as cooking for themselves and their friends. They are also staying over on the school site overnight. (Thurs/Fri)

By doing this at the beginning of the school year, the children are taken out of their comfort zone at times, hopefully learning new things about themselves and their peers. This often leads to new friendships, cementing existing bonds and certainly having fun together. Hopefully along with the skills they learn they will have an unforgettable time.

Use of the outdoors makes a major contribution to physical and environmental education and enhances many other curriculum areas. It contributes to personal growth and social awareness and develops skills for life and the world of work. Qualities such as a sense of responsibility and a purpose in life are nurtured. There is also a great deal of intrinsic enjoyment and satisfaction to be experienced from participation in outdoor activities.

I couldn't be more proud of all of the children, some of whom already embrace the adventure wholeheartedly and some find it a brand new and challenging experience. Either way everyone has launched into the experience and entered into the days and night with energy and a sense of fun. I am sure the children will need a good shower or bath and will sleep in on Saturday morning. The staff taking part have planned for these days for a while and have sacrificed family time to offer a lovely overnight experience and I really appreciate their effort – thank you.

Challenging outdoor experiences promote the development of communication, problem solving and decision making skills which have currency across a range of occupations. They encourage a positive "opting in" and "can do" attitude. Young people's horizons are broadened, new challenges come to be relished rather than shunned, and perseverance and determination are reinforced. I hope that our children begin to have a different outlook after these couple of days and become more independent, and resilient translating the 'can do' attitude to their learning and in other areas of life.

Yours,

Brian Jones

Headteacher

Please collect water bottles

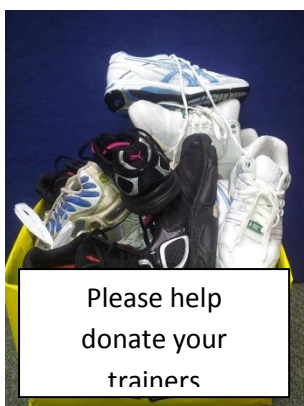


Please can you collect water bottles so that we can reuse them to make poppies for Monday. We are hoping that every child will have an opportunity to make a poppy and contribute to creatively thinking and reflecting at the forthcoming time of Remembrance. Thank you



Poppies, key rings, rulers, pencils and sharpeners are available for you and the children to purchase for Remembrance. Poppies – please make a donation, other items are either £1 or 50p. Children can get these in the school day.

We are collecting ... Trainers and Football Boots



Please Help - donate trainers or football/rugby boots.

Mr Jones is collecting any spare trainers or football boots. We are making a collection to enable children to access sport in our school. If your child has grown out of their trainers or football boots please consider donating them to school. They will make a real difference. Many thanks in anticipation.

Parent Consultations

Everyone should have received their appointment if they have returned the forms or contacted the school office for next week.



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

During the parent consultations Mrs Neale will be selling Traidcraft items for our termly sale.

If you would like to buy any items please bring some money along to the parent consultations.



Dream Flight Video



We couldn't be more proud of Robert, an ex-pupil who took part in the Dream Flight programme and is now in the newly launched song. Please take a look at the track and show the children – I am sure they will be proud of him too!

<https://www.facebook.com/67562344274/posts/10156826608674275/>

ODD SOCKS DAY – Thursday 15th November



We are asking children and staff to wear odd socks on this day with their normal school uniform. During the week children will be looking at Anti-bullying and Thursday will be a focus day for this

Children in Need – Friday 16th November MUFTY DAY



It is MUFTY DAY on Friday 16th Nov
for Children in Need.

PLEASE COME WEARING SPOTS!!!

NON UNIFORM ALL DAY



Wristbands will be available in the week for £1