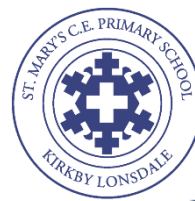




Newsletter



17/02/2019

St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents and Families of our School Community

This week has continued to be a very busy time. At the start of the week we were able to field a superb contingent of children competing in the CSAA YR 4/5/6 Cross Country Championships. A huge amount of children have taken part in the Sedbergh Invitational Swimming Gala this Wednesday. It is so encouraging to see so many people representing school this week.

I was also pleased the lovely atmosphere in the Spelling Bee. One of the most exciting things was the children really rising to the challenge. The last finals were reserved for the Year 6. During this event the amazing finalists really were challenged and proved they deserved to be in the final. Successfully spelt words included,

onomatopoeia, diarrhoea, committee, parliament, definitely, orchestra, subterranean, accommodate, acquaintance, camouflage, mischievous, synonymous, portmanteau.

You may recall in our previous newsletter that there is some work being completed in school over the half term, with further improvements at Easter. This week sees the installation of a new outdoor pod supported by the PTA and also partly funded by the COOP. We are also having new flooring in Year 1, 2 and 6. We really hope that there will be minimal disruption but please do keep an eye out for any notices on Monday 25th Feb in case we have to ask the parents, families and children to move around school differently for a few days. Please remember we have an INSET day on Monday 25th. Hoping the children have a good break. Mr Jones

4 BIG MUFTI DAYS – coming up

Mon 1 11th MARCH Science Mufti - Theme: What you want to be when you grow up.

FRI 15th MARCH Wear RED You can buy red noses from the office



THUR 21st MARCH ODD SOCKS DAY Donate if you can, on the day



FRI 29th MARCH Wear colours of the Kenyan Flag - donate if you can



The word originates from the Arabic: **Mufti** (مفتي) meaning an Islamic scholar. It has been used by the British **Army** since 1816 and is thought to derive from the vaguely Eastern style dressing gowns and tasselled caps worn by off-duty officers in the early 19th century.

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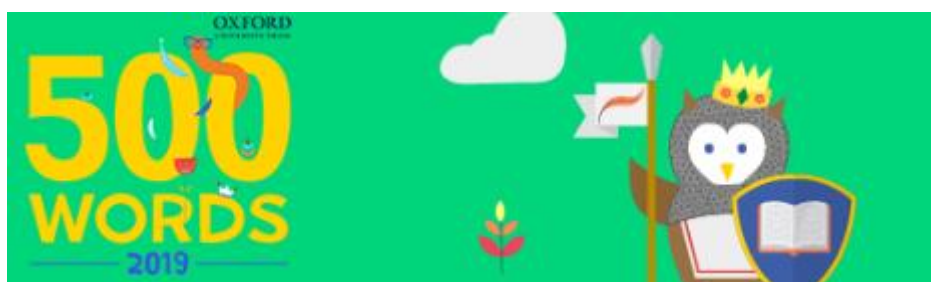
INSET DAY

On Feb 25th we have an INSET day on the Monday after half term. During this time our staff will be training on this day.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 18th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	INSET DAY – No children in School
Fri 1st March	PTA Film Night
Tues 5 th March	Traidcraft Coffee - After school, please stay for a coffee
Wed 6 th March	Reception Class – Vision Screening
Thur 7 th March	Pupil Parliament – Year 6 Head/Deputy Boys and Girls
	Reception Dental Checks
	Hockey Clinic – Sedbergh Prep
Mon 11th March	Science Week Begins – Journeys MUFTI DAT
Thurs 14 th March	Cricket Training invited Year 5/6 pupils
Fri 15th March	RED NOSE DAY
Thur 21st March	Down Syndrome Awareness Day = ODD SOCKS
Fri 29th March	KENYA DAY
Fri 5th April	Lent Term Ends – Easter Break Begins
Tues 23rd April	Summer Term begins

Radio 2 500 Word Challenge



Children have until 8th March to produce their wonderful, imaginative 500 word stories. Please encourage your children to delve into their imaginations and create a wonderful 500 word story to upload onto the 500 word competition website.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/59TwKqgLp3LTpRVfPlsKtx9/submit-a-story>

If your child is passionate about writing or a reluctant writer, this is the perfect opportunity for all children to have a go and create a wonderful and fascinating story. We would love to hear if you are sending a story from home to the competition. Have fun writing everyone!

Here are some of last year's winners from around the country – this year it could be you!



Why not listen to some of the stories that have been recorded and published on the website? I think they will make super bed time listening over half term or over the next few weeks!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/KNWskPrg7stQ54tTbcf6P7/500-words-the-stories>

A few photos from the XC Area Finals ...

Congratulations to everyone who qualified for this event which is a real achievement, making them some of the best runners in the county! Congratulations to George McCabe who qualified for the County Finals.





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