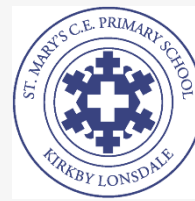




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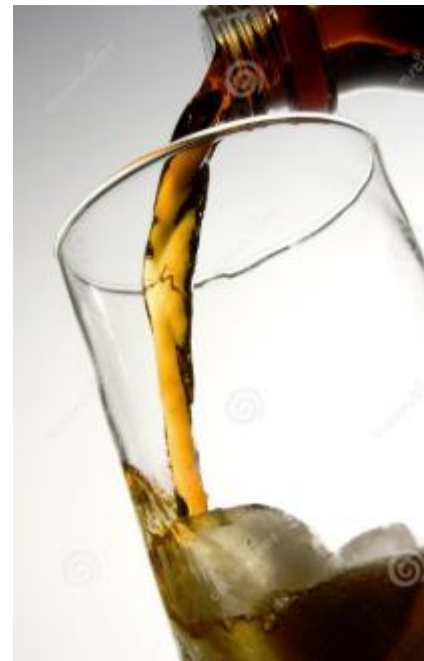


St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Easter Message

It seems unbelievable that we are already approaching the end of the Lent term. The children have concluded their end of term assessments to share their knowledge and learning this term and we are celebrating Easter already. This week we have been thinking about the importance of Easter. We have looked at the Last Supper, the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane concluding with the rest of the Easter story, retold in our Easter play by Year 3 on the last day of term.

I was recently reminded of when Pepsi tried to enter the China market, it launched with the slogan, "Pepsi Brings You Back to Life." It found the Chinese translation and launched its campaign. What Pepsi didn't realize was that the phrase, due to improper translation, was "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave." Pepsi quickly changed their language! The Easter story reminds us of the rolling of the stone and the return of Jesus from the grave and his resurrection. For many this is perplexing and impossible to comprehend. Last week 6 members



of staff took on a challenge to complete as many sit ups and press ups as possible to raise funds for Simba Primary School in Kenya. The target was 500 of each and the staff managed to complete 1500 press ups and 1500 sit ups collectively in the day – another seemingly impossible event.

Christians believe that on the first Easter Sunday, Jesus rose again. He came back to life, defying the expectations of his friends and his enemies. Christians also believe that that in this event good overcame evil, life is stronger than death, light shines through the darkness and the half-full bottle is superior to the half-empty bottle.

And that's the challenge for us: if we believe in the resurrection we need to take the half-full approach to life. Life undoubtedly has its challenges for each and every one of us but with a belief that the bottle is at least half-full we can tackle those challenges head on and overcome them.

We very much believe at St Mary's in inspiring our children to believe that so much (including the seemingly impossible) can be achieved and achieved in the right way, having a half full not half empty attitude. As Pepsi learned, we also encourage our children to get their language right between each other, treating each other politely, appropriately and respectfully.

I wish you all the love, hope and inspiration of the season we hope that you all have a special Easter, we offer our prayers for those currently ill and those families struggling at the moment.

Mr Jones

P.S. other popular cola drinks are available.

Honesty Trust Responsibility Perseverance Respect



Kenya Day – Thank you so much from the Staff at Simba Primary School.



Thank you for your generosity and support for Simba Primary School in Kenya. The funds raised (£230 and counting) will help feed and educate the children in the school. The staff at the school have already sent messages of thanks to Mrs Gladwinfield for your generosity and kindness.

Fit for Sport Club



Letters have gone out to children in Year 4 for Fit Club. If you would like your child to take part on Tuesdays, please hand in the form by Friday 5th April. The club takes place on Tuesdays after school until 4:15. The club will start on the first day back after Easter and will run until half term.

Mr Watson runs the club, which is a great opportunity to have fun and get fit. The club is exceptionally popular and we would encourage children to hand in their form as soon as possible.

Boiled Eggs and Easter Service



On the last day of term we always hold an egg rolling (EYFS/Infants) and throwing (Juniors) competition assuming the weather is good! Please bring a hard-boiled egg on the last day of term if you would like to take part in this fun packed day which takes place after the Year 3 Easter service.

We always retell the Easter story as part of our Easter celebrations at St Mary's Church. Year 3 will be performing this year at the beginning of the morning, after the school as paraded through Kirkby Lonsdale to the church. Please join us if you would like.

School Dinners

Please make sure you have ordered your school dinners prior to the holidays so that we can help you if there is a problem with ordering. Whilst we are very happy to help you on Tuesday 23rd it will be a very busy day with the start of the new kitchen service. In order to make life a little easier on the day, we would like to iron out any ordering issues before the holidays.

Dates for the Diary

Thur 4th April

Music Concert (am) at Church

Art Day (all classes)

Fri 5th April

Church Service – Easter Play performed by Year 3 (am)

Easter Egg throwing and rolling – bring a named hard boiled egg (pm)

Lent Term Ends – Easter Break Begins

We return on Tuesday 23rd April.

Have a lovely weekend.