



St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents, family members and parishioners,

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

-Mark Twain

This week we have been encouraging our children to embrace the change of coming to their new class (and for some their new school) and to encourage them to see the start of school as a new adventure. Hopefully, with the first few days completed for the majority of the children, they will settle very quickly. We are also looking forward to welcoming more children to Reception Class next week. A very exciting time. We are encouraging the children to sail away from the safe harbour and start their new class with an adventurous spirit.

I would like to welcome all of our families and the children who have joined us this September. We make every effort to keep you informed about the many systems linked to school, however we recognise it is not always easy with so much information. If you would like any clarification about anything please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher, staff in the school office or any member of staff and we will try to help. I am sure the parents and families will give you a warm St Mary's welcome.

We already have a busy week ahead for various classes next week. The Tour of Britain is coming through Kirkby Lonsdale and we are once again taking part in the Westmorland Show. Letters for the Westmorland Show have gone out already, whilst we have limited places, some classes will need additional parental help. Class teachers will hopefully be in touch as soon as possible.

I would also like to welcome some new staff to school this year. Mrs Wadsworth will be teaching in Reception with Mrs Jamieson, Miss Kinghorn will be supporting in Year 1 and Reception.

Once again, welcome to a new year of school life, we hope it is a very fruitful and exciting year.

Yours,

Brian Jones

Headteacher



Please Help - donate pumps/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. This would be very helpful in the infants – all donations of pumps and trainers are welcome.

Clubs

- Football Club starts on Monday evening. Junior children can bring football boots if they have them and shin pads and infants can wear trainers.
- Tag Rugby Club starts next Thursday (Year 3 and 4)
- Home work club starts on the 16th September with letters coming out on Monday 9th for those wishing to take part.
- Fitness Club starts on Wednesday

Westmorland Show (Y2-6)

Can you please ensure you return your Westmorland Show letter on Monday confirming if you will be taking your child to the show or you whether you would like us to take your child. Please note, to help could you please cancel lunch on this day if you have already ordered a school lunch. Please send children with appropriate outer clothing and footwear (children wear school uniform) and provide a water bottle and essentially, a back pack not hand held bag for lunch.

We do give permission for children to go with parents on this day. Please let us know if you are taking your child to the Westmorland Show or if they are involved in some way.

Aldi Sports Kit Stickers

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This term we're collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school!

From 6 September–3 November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB sticker – if our school works together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw!

Please send any stickers you receive into school with your children, or bring them in yourself and we will add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools sticker poster.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

Throughout the autumn term, we will be trying out Get Set to Eat Fresh's fun and engaging resources to create healthy moments in assemblies and the classroom, alongside setting occasional take-home tasks and challenges. We appreciate your support in helping pupils to complete these activities and hope you will enjoy finding out more about the campaign and the healthy challenges we complete.

We hope everyone will enjoy collecting Team GB stickers and exploring healthy eating this term. Remember, Aldi's Kit for Schools Team GB stickers are available until 3 November when shopping in any Aldi store. We will keep everyone up to date with how many stickers we have collected, and how many we have to go!

If you want to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools, or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans.

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect!



If you shop in Aldi – could you please collect the stickers/tokens for schools this term to help us get a new school sports kit. Thank you very much. Please tell all of your relatives and friends to see if they will help too.



Tuesday 10th September – Tour of Britain

**TOUR OF
BRITAIN**



We will be taking various classes to stand along Fairbank on Tuesday at the end of the day. This will be at the end of the day – approx. 2:30pm. We are aiming to ensure a return to school by 3:15 as normal which will mean children can get onto the school buses. We do however expect some traffic delays and we may be slightly delayed at the end of the day as various roads are closed around Kirkby Lonsdale. Apologies for any delays – we hope the children have a great time watching Tour.

From Mrs Day :

The Tour of Britain cycle race will be passing through Kirkby on Tuesday (10th September) at around 2.30 in the afternoon. This is a unique opportunity for our community. Whilst many classes will be walking into town to support the riders we would also like to show our encouragement by creating a large-scale art work on the field. Helicopters filming the race will be informed of our artistry and we may make the local news!

To help create our art we would like to ask as many children as possible to bring their bikes to school on Tuesday morning. From Nursery to Year 6, all bikes will be treasured and used purposefully. They won't be damaged but will form the basis of our sculpture.

Thank you for your help, Mrs Day

Class information Sheets

Teachers are sending out class information sheets over the next few days to share with you details of the school day and information you will need for this term. These sheets give helpful information about PE days, topics, visits, staff working in the class and much more.

Head Boy and Head Girl



On Monday, Year 6 pupils will be given the opportunity to make a presentation to become Head and Deputy Boy or Girl. The children will represent our school at Pupil Parliament and this October (assuming all things are normal) we are hoping to take the children to London to the Houses of Parliament. I would like to encourage all children to be confident enough to have a try at preparing a presentation and throw their hat into the ring to become Head Boy and Girl or their Deputies.

Spelling/Reading/Times Tables Rockstars

This week we will be starting teaching spellings, exploring Times Tables Rockstars and establishing good reading habits. If children are new to the juniors, they will receive passwords for Timestables Rockstars. Children will also have a spelling log book to support the spellings they need to learn or to practise spellings. Please check this on a daily basis.

Mia visits This Morning on ITV

<https://www.itv.com/thismorning/showbiz/wouldnt-change-a-thing-surprise>

Look what Mia has been doing this week. Please see the above clip to see Mia on This Morning. Well done Mia and all of the 'Wouldn't Change A Thing' team!



School Performance 2018 - 2019

Below are details of the performance of our children this year based on Statutory Assessments in 2019.

EYFS – Children achieving GLD (Good level of Development)

St Mary's School
79%

Year 1 Phonics

St Mary's School	National
95%	85%

Key Stage 1 SATS – Those children achieving the expected standard

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
St Mary's School	73%	73%	87%
National	75%	69%	76%

Key Stage 2 SATS – Those children achieving the expected standard

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics	SPAG
St Mary's School	97%	88%	97%	97%
National	73%	78%	79%	78%

Key Stage 2 SATS – Percentage of children achieving the higher standard

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics	SPAG
St Mary's School	59%	16%	47%	41%
National	27%	20%	27%	36%

Key Stage 2 SATS – Average Scaled Score

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics	SPAG
St Mary's School	110	-	109	108
National	104	-	105	106

St Patrick's Youth Group

Every Tuesday during term-time.
Recommencing 17th September
7-8.30pm Endmoor Village Hall.

For Year 5 - Year 8's.

Entry costs £1

Cakes

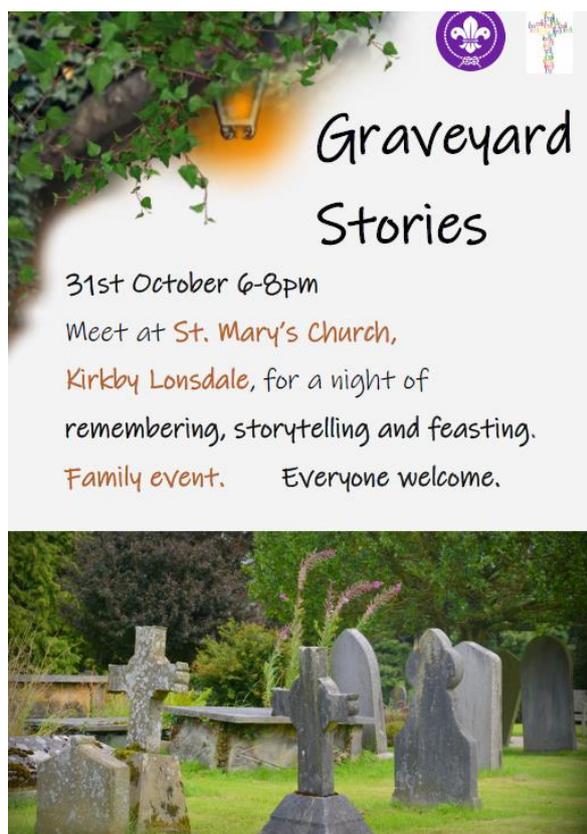
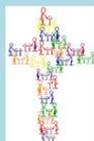


Games



Workshops throughout the term.
This term you can learn how to do: dance workshop, Balloon modelling, circus skills plus more!

To confirm your interest contact Lol Wood, Family Project Leader for the Churches in Lunesdale : lol@cilfamilyproject.org or 07413689311



Graveyard Stories

31st October 6-8pm
Meet at *St. Mary's Church, Kirkby Lonsdale*, for a night of remembering, storytelling and feasting.
Family event. Everyone welcome.

Messy Harvest

at Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church

Come and join us for a fun packed afternoon of crafts, activities, games and celebration ending with tea.

Messy Harvest is from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Sunday 13th October in the Hall of Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church.

We will be looking at the Bible story of Joseph and the years of feast and famine in Egypt, also how we can reduce food waste and famine in our modern age.

The hot meal will consist of baked potatoes with a variety of fillings plus tray bakes.

Free entry; if you wish to donate to the costs there will be a basket for donations.

Everyone is welcome, young and old.

If you've got any questions, or would like to know more, please get in touch with Lol Wood via her email: lol@cilfamilyproject.org.

'Messy Harvest' is being run in Kirkby Lonsdale by the Churches in Lunesdale Family Project

