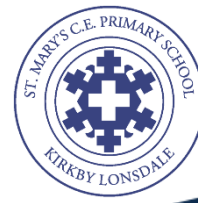




Newsletter

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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we arranged to take some of our children to London to experience life in the House of Lords and Commons, life as a civil servant and explore the many issues swirling around of country presently. Those who attended from Year 5 and 6 could not have been better ambassadors for our school. Whilst the children behaved beautifully, it was their interest, thoughtfulness and positive response to the inspiring trip that struck me. After a long day which started at 7:00am and finished at 10:30pm, I returned to discover two of the most wonderful emails written by a police officer in London and a member of the public on our return journey.

Dear Mr Jones

Earlier today while travelling to work I was joined in my London underground carriage on the Victoria Line by a group of pupils and teaching staff from your school. I'm writing to highlight what an absolute pleasure it was to see your students smartly presented, well behaved and polite. They were a credit to themselves, the school and members of staff travelling with them. People are often all too quick to raise complaints while rarely taking the opportunity or time to highlight positive behaviour.

Please do pass on my comments to the students and staff. Kind regards HC

Hi there,

I was on the Glasgow train from London yesterday and happened to be sitting in the same carriage as a group of students and teachers from St. Mary's. This is just a quick email to say how impressed I was with both students and teachers on the journey home. The students were brilliantly behaved, excellent fun and well mannered. The teachers were fun yet authoritative, the perfect blend for a successful school trip. A total credit to St. Marys! Enjoy half term. Best wishes AC

What a delight as a Headteacher, to read an email like this. We are often reminded by members of the public about the very same thing however to email us in such an encouraging way, is just lovely. We were exceptionally privileged to visit the Dept of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, in fact meeting with the Permanent Secretary of State, Alex Chisholm and his team. Our children sat in their board room and took in the most wonderful vista of Westminster Abbey. We also met various Civil Servants from Cumbria, now working in London and an inspirational ex QES student who was a superb role model for our children.

In addition, we had an amazingly inspiring tour of the Houses of Parliament and met with Tim Farron who spent a fantastic amount of time with the children answering their probing questions. To our pleasant surprise, we did not see any protestors or experience delays in London itself.

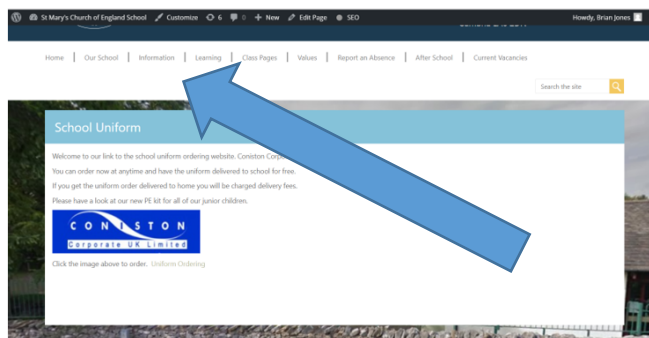
After walking along the South Bank and taking in the sights and sounds of London, we returned slightly late, but unphased as a result of the children's energy and engagement. This was an exciting and intensive day which I hope the children will not forget their time in the capital.

I enter the half term break buoyed by the positive words of encouragement and the interest and gratitude of our pupils. Thank you to the parents, who have been supportive of the visit and to the staff for contributing so much to the day.



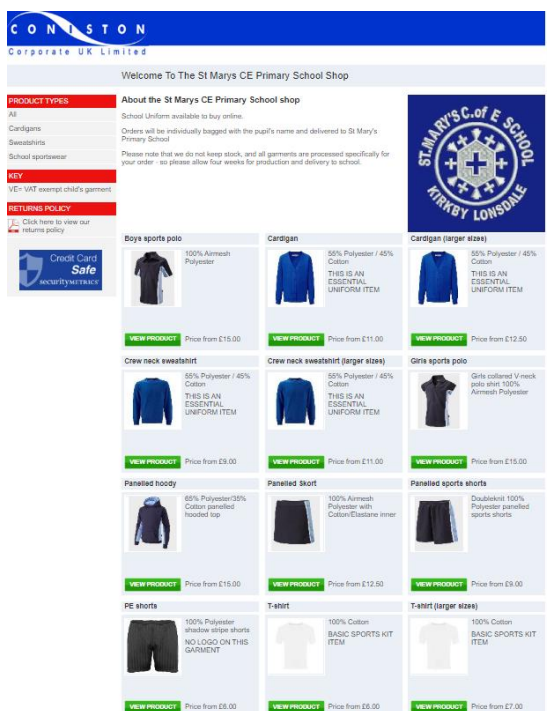
School Uniform – Improved way to order and buy our uniform

Previously, we ordered uniform at three different intervals throughout the school year and sent paper orders to school. We have arranged for an improved service for you to order our school uniform. Now you can go online and order our school uniform anytime throughout the year.



To do this you can go to our school website and there is now a uniform page in 'information'. If you click on the logo it will take you directly to our uniform school page. Alternatively, you can Google 'Coniston Corporate School Uniform' and find St Mary's School at the bottom of the page.

What will you see on the page? We have added our new PE Kit to the uniform list for our junior children. This is available to you – there is no obligation to purchase this however we think this a superb quality PE Kit which is very practical and an improved kit to the basic white T shirt and shorts. All of our jumpers, cardigans, t shirts and shorts are there.



This is the order page – please have a look and see how easy it will be to order.

Please note that we do still have some stock in school so you will be able to get some items from the school office. There are also samples for all of the clothing in the school office if you are not sure about the correct size.

Click on the picture to the left if you want to go directly to the website now.

**Open Day for prospective parents is on
Wednesday 30th October.**

**Reception and Nursery Staff will be available to
meet families on this day and show them around
our Foundation Stage Classes.**



Harvest

Thank you for your generosity with our Harvest produce which will be gratefully received by the Kendal, Kings Food Bank.

Inter House Bench Ball and Ball Skills (Infants)



Well done to all of the infants who took part in the Inter House Bench Ball Competition. Congratulations to Howgill (BLUE) who wo this half term.

