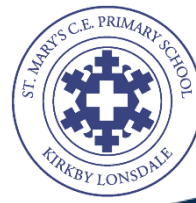




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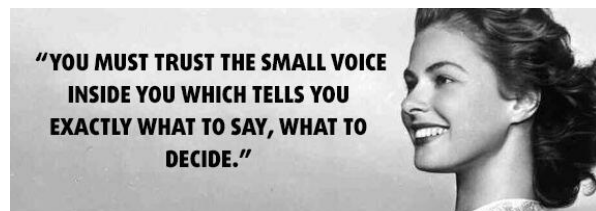
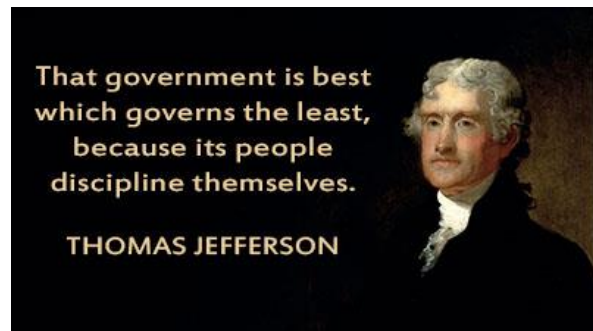
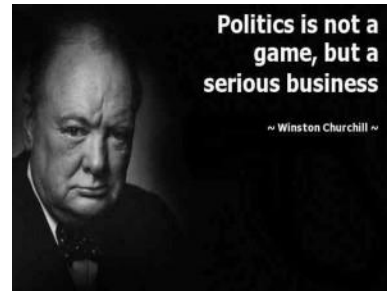
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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Parliament Week



Dear Parents and Carers



This week has been an interesting week of events which we hope has raised the children's awareness of our political system, in what is proving to be a politically exciting week. Just as the House of Commons has been choosing a new Speaker, we have been choosing school and sports councillors in class. Our children have had visits from Bishop James and Tim Farron which hopefully inspired the children.

Debates have been taking place all week trying to encourage our children of all ages to explore issues that face us today. We have encouraged appropriate debate and have shared how to structure speeches and to consider all sides of an argument when debating.

On November the 5th all of the school looked at different levels, the history of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. We have all learned so many facts and details through dramatising, role playing and going into depth about this uniquely historic day.

In discussing politics this week we hope to inspire, in our small way, children who believe they have something important to say and show them how to say it to ensure they make a difference in the world. I hope that you have been able to support the children in discussing issues openly and thoughtfully. The children have certainly showed an interest in global and local issues and have met some inspiring people who have made them think.

I hope we have created some foundations blocks to help encourage our children to think about what issues they are passionate about and hopefully helped them find their voice. In a politically exciting time, we hope the children are a little more interested in politics and the future of our country and world.

Who knows what seeds have been sown in the children this week....

Kind regards

Mr Jones



Staff Car Park and Road Markings

Last week at the beginning of the day there was nearly a horrible accident as a parent reversing away from the staff car park nearly ran over two children at the crossing. We have also seen parents opening the staff car park gate to then park in the staff car park. There have also been a series of scratches and scrapes as parents struggle to turn after trying to come down the staff car park and then turn around. We are keen to reiterate that parents should not use this car park as it is becoming a very serious health and safety situation.

We are keen to encourage parents to use the recently made available spaces at the sports hall or use alternative spaces. **On Monday 18th November the whole drive space and car ark will be closed as we are having new lines put down on the road.** We apologise now for the inconvenience and hope you will be able to make alternative provision for this one day. The markings will make clear the drop off zone, crossing space and hatchings for safety. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

Harvest Giving – Food Bank

Thank you for your very generous giving during Harvest. All of your food donations have been collected to enable families to be supported this winter. I believe the demand has risen considerably recently so every donation really will benefit those in desperate need.





This is now the season for cross country, football, rugby and hockey for most of our children.



It is essential that for rugby and hockey (**all of the juniors**) that all children have a gum shield and shin pads. Please can you arrange for this so that your children are accessing P.E. appropriately. If your child is in **Year 3** they will **also** require spare socks each week and their



trainers will get wet with cross country. Regular checks about the state of trainers/running kit is essential please.



Year 1 are playing football outside and will need very warm socks, tracksuit top to stay warm. There may be times when they need gloves.

It is time to be ready and equipped for PE and move on from summer kit.

Junior PE kit can be ordered and delivered to school via this website.:
https://www.conistonshop.com/St-Marys-CE-Primary-School_339/school/index.php

French Club

Mme Barbier will be taking over running French Club alongside her work at QES on Mondays after school (finishing at 4:30pm. Mrs Barbier has mentioned that she will happily take Year 2 pupils if they wish to join this term, starting on Monday. I have attached a letter, sent to the juniors if Year 2 children would like to join in this term, please use this form. We thought an infant French Club would start in Jan, however she is happy to take Year 2 children along with the juniors.

School Councillors



Well done to our School Councillors who will now represent their class this year.

More about our sports councillors and worship leaders anon..

Netball and Rugby - Juniors



Well done to all of our Netball teams who took part and the team which will be representing school at the area inter school match next Wednesday. We will be sending three teams to Casterton, Sedbergh Prep next Wednesday also, one team will be contact rugby two teams, tag rugby. Please remember the kit you need if you are taking part!

Children in Need – MUFTI DAY FRIDAY 15th NOV



Date for your Diary – Friday is a dress down day for Children in Need. We are not selling wristbands but children can bring a £1 to support this charity day. Thank you.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to those children representing our school on Sunday at the Remembrance Service on Sunday. We will be taking time to reflect about Remembrance on Monday in worship time at the end of the day.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Governor Parent Vacancy



Would you like to be a school governor?

Please contact the school office if you would value a conversation with Mr Jones about this role. No election is required now; it would be lovely to hear from you.