

# Newsletter

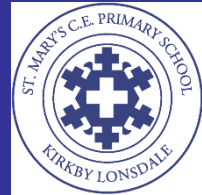
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## St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term at St Mary's School. We welcome all of our new children and their families to our school. I hope you feel both settled and welcome and that the children have had a good start in their new school. This year we have begun the term with a STEAM (Science, technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Week. We have had a very industrious week with the theme of 'Sustainability'.

The children have been really inspired and for many children, they have really shone and learned so much from the week. From Nursery to Year 6 the children have explored a range of issues, recycling waste/trees and materials, reusing potential rubbish, thinking about plastic in the oceans, using materials to create bicycle racks and creating gliders – and so much more. The children were very inventive and creative in their thinking with their designs. The Bring and Buy Sale to reuse gifts or toys also raised £115.92 for the School Council to spend in school.



Honesty Trust Responsibility Perseverance Respect



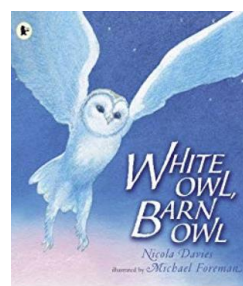
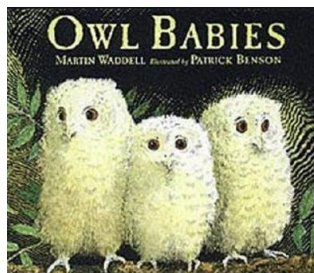


## Owl Visit

What an exciting time having owls to visit this week which has been a wonderful experience for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. As well as learning about owls, the children were able to handle them and get up close with them.



Great books to read together at home and in school:



## Elf Run



A big thank you to everyone for contributing to the Elf Run fundraising – you have raised £1202.71

## Events taking place

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Lego Club to Area Lego Challenge Competition
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Netball Competition and Training, Sedbergh prep Badminton Development Session – QES
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KS2 Ben Greenep Annual Winter Run – St Mary's
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cross Country (Y3-6 teams) – Sedbergh
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Panto – Snow White 9am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jammie Dodgers (Y3) Lunch Club starts

## Spelling Bee (Reception to Year 6)

Once again, we are at that time when we begin to prepare for the annual Spelling Bee. All of our children from Reception to Year 6 take time to practise the Year Group Spellings to encourage and improve their spelling ability. These are learned in class and at home throughout the month. On Jan 31<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting a fun Spelling Bee which proved to be highly entertaining and engaging last year.



If you had any concerns about the idea of a Spelling Bee last year, I hope you appreciated last year, that the children had a lot of fun, whatever their ability in spelling. Importantly, we are providing an opportunity to learn spellings that the children are required to learn in their year group. Every effort in learning the spellings will benefit your child I am sure. The sheets will be coming out at the beginning of next week so that the children can start practising them over the next few weeks.



## Ben Greenep Winter Run (Juniors)

Next week we are holding the Ben Greenep Winter Run. This is an annual fixture in the January calendar of our school. Children in the juniors take part in this race, representing their house in the cross country run. Children run in school PE Kit but can wear base layers, gloves and appropriate footwear for the race. This tends to be a muddy event, so spare socks will be needed and a bag to return the kit home ready for washing ASAP.



## Drop Off Zone

Before Christmas, we had a positive response by parents who have begun to use the 'drop off zone' for that very purpose. We really appreciated your response which saw an improvement in the flow of traffic in and around the school. As we return, could you please continue with this as it makes it so much easier for everyone in the morning and at the end of the school day.

Please remember the bus bay is not a parking space but is needed for our children getting on buses.



## Piano Lessons



Jane Lawrence has some piano lesson space available if you would like your child (Y3-6) to start or return to learning the piano. These lessons take place on Tuesdays at lunchtime. If you would like your child to take part or find out about cost etc. please contact Jane: [janelawrencemusic@gmail.com](mailto:janelawrencemusic@gmail.com)