

Newsletter

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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents

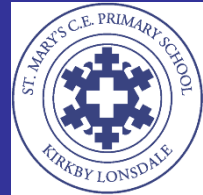
What another week of exciting activities, this time there has been a lot of children taking part in activities this week. I couldn't be more pleased to see so many opportunities to access different and varied events.

This has included a range of sports including the netball festival, badminton development session and of course the Ben Greenep Winter Run. In addition, children from a range of classes have been preparing for the South Lakes Lego League. At St Mary's we have a house system and children are either in Howgill, Farleton, Middleton or Ingleborough. The winter run is a good opportunity for children to represent their house and contribute to winning points for their house.

All of the children have been settling to the normal routines and we of course, welcome children to Nursery this week.

If last week's STREAM activity week wasn't enough, we sent a team of children with Mrs Smith and parents to the Lego League. The children have been preparing for this robotics programming task over many weeks in Autumn term.

The children are also preparing for the Spelling Bee. I hope the children are in the swing of beginning to learn the various spellings. Do have fun with this at home and enjoy the spellings together.



Ben Greenep Winter Run

We held a very cold, 'Winter Run' this week which was a new route which was quite soft underfoot. I am sure parents of junior children will testify to the level of mud soaked into PE kit and trainers.



The Year 5 and 6 teams ran together and Year 3 and 4 also ran together, making for very exciting races.

The winning house was Howgill and the winners of the two races were:

1st	2nd	3rd
Jack C (Y5)	Isaac M (Y6)	Sam T (Y6)
Anna C (Y5)	Evie M (Y6)	Amelia KS (Y6)

1st	2nd	3rd
Joseph G (Y4)	Freddie R (Y3)	Harry W (Y4)
Emma S (4)	Scarlett D (Y4)	Nancy R (Y4)





Other events which took place this week...

Many of our children took part in a Netball Festival and Coaching at Sedbergh Prep, in addition various children went to a Badminton Development session at QES. Impressively, some of our pupils helped coach rugby this week and showed great leadership skills.

Badminton at QES



Football Club – Winter kit needed



Could you please ensure your child has winter clothing for football club. Some children only have T shirt and shorts and need good layers and hats/gloves for the club.

Please can you ensure you have paid for this half term if you have not done so. Thank you very much!



Supporting Parents

We have the pleasure of promoting this event below for parents with children who have Atypical Neurological Disorders, autism, PDS and co-occurring ADHD. This is a great opportunity to explore various issues, which we think will be very helpful. The details are below – please do book on if you can.

Supporting Parents & Carers Learning More About Autism

Wednesday 12th February 2020

Winter Park Conference Centre, Penrith

A FREE event for parents and carers supporting children and young people with autism, PDA and co-occurring ADHD.

The day will cover topics such as:

- Understanding neuro-development
- Examining challenges and identifying strategies
- Understanding patterns of learning & development
- Supporting resilience & developing confidence
- Supporting strategies for dressing, eating, washing & sleeping



Discover ideas and strategies that can enrich the lives of children with neuro-developmental differences and their families.

This event is organised by Witherslack Group, the leading provider of specialist education and care for children and young people with Special Educational Needs. The high standard of the group's schools, children's homes and integrated provisions are consistently recognised, not only by Ofsted, but also by the children, young people and families who benefit from this specialist approach.

Event Date: Wednesday 12th February 2020 Time: 9.30am - 4.00pm

Venue: Winter Park Conference Centre, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 9RQ

Book online by visiting: www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/events/penrith-autism



For more information contact Camilla or Rukiya on 0844 880 6520 or email events@witherslackgroup.co.uk



Honesty

Trust

Responsibility

Perseverance

Respect



SENCo – Miss White



Starting in January, Miss White is now in the role of SENCo for our school for the rest of this academic year. If your child currently has SEN support of an EHCP, please keep in touch with Miss White regarding your child's learning as well as the specialists working to support your child within and without of school. Miss White is making every effort to ensure she gets into classes over the next few months to see various children and liaise with staff and agencies, to support your child.

Contact: senco@stmarys-kl.cumbria.sch.uk

South Cumbria Lego League

On Tuesday 14th January some of the older children attended the South Cumbria First Lego League competition in Barrow in Furness. There were 17 teams taking part and this was our school's first year competing. The children have been working towards this for several weeks, after school and at lunchtimes. They had to deliver a presentation about an innovative idea for their school, compete in a team communication activity, present and explain their robot and participate in a robot game involving some complex programming skills. We were very proud of the positive comments about their skills, teamwork and of course their wonderful manners.

A big thank you to Tony Gill for coming in and supporting us in this initial entry. It is something that has inspired the children and developed their confidence for future challenges. It was very pleasing to find out that they came 3rd out of 17 teams in the 'Robot Game'; a truly magnificent result in their first ever year competing. Well done to all of the children involved.



Learning this half term



Do you know what your child is learning this half term? If you can support this topic in anyway please encourage the children to immerse themselves in topic. If you are able to assist in anyway with these subjects do get in touch with school.

Nursery	Owls and Winter
Reception	Traditional Tales and Chinese New Year
Year 1	Nocturnal Animals
Year 2	The Great Fire of London
Year 3	Volcanoes, Rocks and Soils
Year 4	Natural Disasters
Year 5	Egyptian Life
Year 6	Technology and Music since the 1950s

Dates for the Diary

Monday 20 th Jan	Area Cross Country (Y4-6) Sedbergh School, Sedbergh
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	Snow White – Panto, 9am
Thursday 23 rd Jan	Jammie Dodgers Club starts – Year 3
Thursday 30 th Jan	Imran Kotwal in school – RE
Friday 31 st Jan	Spelling Bee Final
Monday 3 rd Feb	Candlemas
Friday 7 th Feb	PTA Film Night 3:15-5:30pm
Tues/Wed 11 th /12 th	Parents Evenings
Friday 14 th Feb	Girls Football – Vicarage Park
Monday 17 th Feb	Half Term
Wednesday 26 th Feb	Cricket training starts in school
Thursday 27 th Feb	Y6 School Council to Pupil Parliament
Easter Break	Friday March 27th School end time 1:00pm