

# Newsletter

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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents

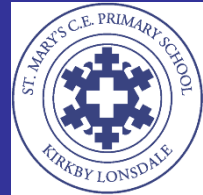
On Valentines Day we have been thinking about the sacrifice made by St Valentine in Roman times and why we celebrate this day. On 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Claudius, in around 270 AD, gave the order to put to death, Valentine. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families. To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off.

Thankfully, we celebrate Valentine in a far more enjoyable and special way. We are also at the end of half term and I am sure the children will enjoy a well-earned rest. I know that some like to think about their new topics being studied, these are highlighted in the Newsletter below.

Whatever the children are doing, I hope they have a great time and return safely and well after a good break.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for supporting the learning in school.

Mr Jones



## Cross Country – County Finals

As parents and as teachers we all want our children to discover their talents and to be confident in developing them. This was evident this week as four of our children reached the lofty heights of the County Finals which took place at Hunter Hall School in Penrith. Jack (5), Isaac (6), Joseph (4) and Anna (5) all raced in cold and wet conditions on Wednesday. All children should be very proud of their contribution at the event. It is lovely to be able to send four children to represent the school at the finals with the potential to be placed and then represent Cumbria at the Nationals towards the end of March. Well done to Anna who came first and will qualify for the National Cross Country Final.



## Spare minutes in the half term break



Whether your child is travelling, or staying at home why not find a few minutes to pop onto TT Rockstars this half term?

Why not aim to improve a timetable, recall speed or just reinforce learning.

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**Friday 21 February**  
**10am - 11am**



- ◆ **Join us for an hour of code plus a craft activity**
- ◆ **Coding suitable for 7-11 year olds**
- ◆ **Free event!**
- ◆ **Booking essential as places limited...**

Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by a responsible person

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## Inter House Hockey – Year 3

This week, Year 3 had their Inter House Hockey matches, with everyone taking part. Well done to the houses for getting stuck in despite the cold and wet. Weather. Congratulations to Howgill (Blue) for winning the event this half term.

## Developments during half term

Schools often take advantage of the breaks to try and get various jobs completed on the school building. This half term is no exception. We will be completing various jobs including:

Redeveloping the junior cloakroom – all bags and clothes have been sent home so we can alter the cloakroom ready for the children's return. Hopefully you will have all of the children's PE Kit, coats etc.. returned this week.

Have a great half term.

Mr Jones