

# Newsletter

29/02/2020



St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents

**Re: Advice about Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The risk to individuals in the UK remains low. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal. You will be advised if that situation changes. If you have travelled in an area of risk or have concerns about the covid-19 virus please refer to the websites below for the appropriate advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may affect families and children returning from holidays. Please be aware that this is a fast-evolving situation and we will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity. If you have any concerns after reading the advice from the websites above, which you think will affect school in any way, please do telephone Mr Jones so that we can discuss the situation.

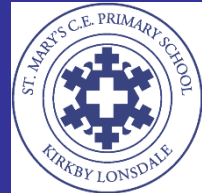
This week started with snow for many of us and then rain and it does seem to be in for forecast for more wet weather. Could I please ask that parents ensure the children have the correct clothing for the cold and wet weather to ensure they can continue to be outside.

We were able to celebrate many achievements this week from swimming awards to coding club certificates as well as 500 words entries.

Home Learning projects were handed out on Friday and we have World Book Day to look forward to this week. This is always a very exciting time for the children and I hope it is not too difficult find a costume.

Hoping we have an exciting and fascinating time at school next week,  
Yours truly

Mr Jones



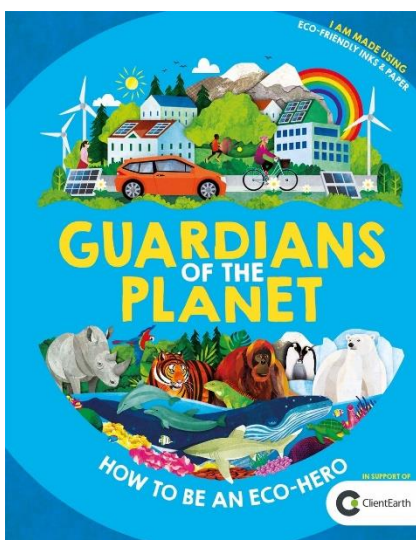
## School Council at Pupil Parliament

This week four of our children attended the South Lakes Pupil Parliament. The focus for the year is reducing pollution in the local and more wider environment. Each school has agreed to respond by focusing on a project. Following a very successful 'Sustainability Week' at the beginning of the term, the children have agreed to reduce plastic in school.

We have calculated that we go through thousands of plastic milk bottles each year and the children are determined to reduce this. Hopefully we can come up with an alternative that will vastly reduce the plastic used in school.



With thoughts of the children becoming more globally aware, we have received a wonderful gift from Loki and Athena's Grandparents. This is a fantastic book which will be passing through each class for all of the children to read. It has started in Year 1 and will continue around school!



What a fantastic book to explore to inspire a globally minded generation!

## New Lockers in school



We have surprised the children on their return from the half term break by providing the children with lockers in the juniors.

We really hope that this will help the children keep their equipment together and reduce lost property in the future. The introduction of the lockers seems to have provided more space to move around which is proving to be helpful in reducing any jostling in the cloakroom as children arrive and depart. So far this is proving to be a helpful change.

In various areas, including the cloakroom we are introducing LED lights which will hopefully provide a brighter environment for everyone. We have also improved the main entrance over the break.

## World Book Day



Please note that World Book Day is on Thursday. Costumes and books at the ready. We will be celebrating all of the books brought into school. Our website has different famous people reading each day and some audio books for older children. Please go and have a look. Have a look at our World Book Day menu for school dinners on Thursday. Why not take five minutes to look at the website. <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

## Drop in – Coffee before pick up



Please join us in the family room 2:00-3:00pm for tea and coffee.

## Health and Well Being Day

We will be welcoming Jamie Knight as part of our special Health and Well Being Day on March 26<sup>th</sup>. You will have already had a letter about an additional workshop you can sign up for, if you would like. Parents are welcome to observe at the after-school workshop.

If you want to find out more about Jamie (freestyle footballer) please follow the link below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mSwjY7gG8U>

## Dates

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cricket training starts in school – cricket club
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Sports Hall Athletics Final – Kendal
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Home Learning Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Quick Sticks Hockey – QES
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Library Van in School PTA DISCO
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Service
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Health and Well Being Day Full Governors Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Activities and Egg Rolling/Throwing activities. (am)
<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> School end time 1:05pm</b>