

Dear Parents,

What an interesting week we have had at St Mary's School. There is a Japanese phrase 'Nana korobi ya oki' which translated means that even if you fall seven times, you get up eight times. The perseverance of a migrating swallow has certainly been needed and once again we find ourselves having to get up following another fall this week. Covid cases increased last weekend and we were required to go online and learn from home in Year 4 and 5. I sympathise with all of those current testing positive. Hopefully this action will have reduced the spread of the virus so all those children testing negative can return on Monday.

Despite the odd case still taking place, we hope that we now have a decreasing trend of positive covid cases. I would like to thank parents who have both understood the need for this measure and have enabled their children (if well) to access learning immediately on Wednesday. It is never easy to go online but the majority of children have engaged purposefully, even joining in in PE lessons and meeting Stuart Robinson online.

Whilst all of this was happening the rest of the school has continued as normal. I was overwhelmed by the number of children who qualified and took part in **the Cumbria Cross Country Champs** (finals) this week. Well done to all of the runners who are some of the fastest in Cumbria! Congratulations also to those children who qualified for the Nationals later this year.

**Stuart Robinson MBE** also joined us in school which was an inspiring visit for all of our children. They were challenged physically – thank you for the sponsorship donations. The children also had a superb insight into his life and responding to the challenges he has faced. It was exciting to see his gold medal and here his experiences of the Paralympics in Rio and Tokyo as well as the Invictus Games.

**Next week** sees a new challenge of having the drains repaired starting on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. The building work is likely to take place over the next fortnight. On Monday the contractors arrive and they will be fencing off the stairs and pathway on the junior yard for a week. With this in mind, all children will arrive and depart via the school drive. Please can parents not park on the staff parking to ensure there are no accidents. Please note, it may cause some disruption on Monday with traffic – we will do all we can to manage the situation.

**Finally**, next <u>Thursday</u> is our inter-house cross country, the Ben Greenep Run. It is always in January to blow away the cobwebs and provide a fun and competitive event for the whole school. All of the children take part in some way, representing their house so please send the children in PE Kit and with running gear (optional) with spare trainers and bag for the day.

Mr Jones



**Honesty** 





































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