

05.12.23

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



End of term: Tues 19th December (1:05pm)



Start of term: Wed 3rd January

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Dear Parents,

For many of us, we have seen snow this weekend which heralds the Christmas season. With Christmas in mind, I find myself reflecting on the year gone by and the joyous Michaelmas Term we've undertaken together. This Christmas, I am compelled to extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support in making our school community truly special. Your presence and involvement in school events, especially the forthcoming PTA Christmas Fair, have been instrumental in fostering a sense of togetherness reminiscent of the Christmas story—a tale of unity, joy, and shared celebrations.

I am delighted to highlight the exceptional behaviour and the strong bonds formed during our recent residential visit to Liverpool with our Year 6 pupils. This experience has not only enriched their lives but also exemplified the spirit of camaraderie and friendship that lies at the heart of the Christmas narrative—a story of connection and shared experiences.



This term has been filled with significant opportunities for our students, from enriching visits and engaging sports activities to the diverse clubs and inspiring guest speakers who have graced our classrooms. Each of these moments has contributed to the growth and development of our children, echoing the message of hope and potential so inherent in the Christmas story.

This week, our Year 6 students are embarking on a new journey as they learn to ride a bike or improve their skills—a skill that extends beyond the realms of academia and aligns with the spirit of acquiring essential life skills. This endeavour with Bikeability reinforces our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are equipped to face life's adventures with confidence, much like the resilience displayed by the characters in the Christmas narrative. I look forward to awarding the children their badges as I do each year.



As we approach the festive season, the air is filled with excitement for the upcoming Christmas events detailed in the Christmas calendar sent last week. These moments of celebration echo the joy and anticipation that mark the culmination of the Christmas story—an anticipation of something special and the joy of coming together. Please support our Carol Service, Nativity and other events throughout the next two weeks.

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As we eagerly look forward to the well-deserved Christmas Break, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. May this holiday season bring you moments of joy, reflection, and connection, much like the timeless Christmas story that continues to inspire us all.

With heartfelt thanks for your continued support, Mr Jones.

School Dinners

I think everyone is now into the routine of paying for school meals by ensuring their account is topped up rather than paying in retrospect. This week I asked local headteachers what the cost of their school meals were to compare. I realised how affordable our meals were and good value as some local schools have to charge up to £3.20 for their meals.

As the winter approaches, we would like to share our menu for Lent term, starting in January. (See below) If you have any difficulties with booking meals and you would like to start ordering – please get in touch and we can help you with your account.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please note – You should have ordered Christmas Dinners by now if your child would like a Christmas Dinner, last day today!



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WEEK 1

Weeks starting:
1st January, 22nd January,
12th February, 4th March,
25th March

WEEK 2

Weeks starting:
8th January, 29th January,
19th February, 11th March,
1st April

WEEK 3

Weeks starting:
15th January,
5th February,
26th February, 18th March

Breakfast and
salad bar
available
DAILY

Mega Mondays



Hand Stretched Margherita or Peppercorn Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)
Authentic Vegetable Curry & Rice (VQ) (CF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Fruit Sorbet (VQ) (CF), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V)
Breaded Vegetable Bites (VQ)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Vanilla Ice Cream (V), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hand Stretched Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza Choice with Pasta Salad (V)
Vegetable Chow Mein Stir Fry (VQ)
Sandwich of the Day (V)
Green Beans, Sweetcorn
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Ice Cream & Fruit (V) (CF), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Penne Pasta Bolognese
Baked Bean Melt (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)

Crispy Chicken Dippers with Roasted Tomato Sauce
Italian Tomato Pasta (VQ)
Sandwich of the Day

Maccaroni Cheese (V)
Mild Karu Chicken Curry
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)

Around the World



Broccoli, Carrots
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Iced Chelsea Bun (V), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Steamed Rice, Peas, Carrots
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Ginger Cookie (VQ), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Steamed Rice, Carrots, Peas
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Fruit Crumble (VQ) & Custard (V)
Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Wednesday



Roast Chicken (CF)
Cauliflower Cheese Loaded Yorkshire (V)
Sandwich of the Day
Skin on Roast Potatoes
Carrots, Peas, Gravy
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Fruit & Jelly (VQ) (CF), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Gammon (CF)
Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel (V)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Crushed New Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Gravy
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Chocolate Banana Slice (VQ), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Roast Chicken (CF)
Homemade Puff Pie (VQ)
Sandwich of the Day
Baked New Potatoes, Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Gravy
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Golden Sponge Cake (V), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

School Favourites



Oven Baked Sausages
Neapolitan Pasta (VQ)
Sandwich of the Day
Crushed New Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweetcorn, Gravy, Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Shortbread Biscuit (VQ), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Broccoli, Sweetcorn
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Jam & Coconut Sponge and Custard (V)
Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Carrots
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Chocolate Cookie (VQ), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Fishy Fridays



Breaded Fish Fingers
Cottage Pie (VQ) (CF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce (V)
Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



Choice of Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake
Sweet Potato Curry & Steamed Rice (VQ) (CF)
Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (CF)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Apple Flapjack Traybake (VQ)
Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

Breaded Fish Fingers
Quorn Coupons (VQ)
Sandwich of the Day
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup
Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Sliced Bread
Banana Bread (V), Daily Dole Home Bakes
Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt



CHOICE SPRING

V = Vegetarian | Q = Vegan | CF = Gluten Free
For full allergen information please visit our food safety and hygiene website
All products are made in a kitchen that also handles other allergens

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Christmas Jumpers – Swap or Donate

We typically wear Christmas jumpers on party days and the last two days of the term (18th/19th Dec). We are setting up a collection of Christmas jumpers in the main entrance over the next few days. If you have any Christmas jumpers you would like to donate or swap, please send them into school ready for next week. Please come in or ask your child to see if there is a jumper they would like.



Pupil Parliament

While our Year 6 children were on the Liverpool visit, our Year 5 children stood in for Year 6 at Pupil Parliament last week. It was a great opportunity to meet other school councillors, staff from the education team from the Houses of Parliament and meet and question Tim Farron MP. Well done to our children who embraced the opportunity.



Carol Service – After School Club, 12th December



Our Carol Service is a very special annual event in our school calendar. It involves all of our children from Year 1-6 and starts at 5:30pm with our children arriving at church at 5:15pm. With this in mind, our after school staff will take some children down from school to church if needed. Please can you either pick up your children in time to take them to church or inform staff if you require your child to be taken down to the service.

For all parents, if you are able to pick up children early on this night, this would also help with staffing. Ideally, a 4:30pm pick up would really help us to manage the evening.

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Coach Gunn Christmas Holidays 2023/24

Multi Sports & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

*Crosscraze CE Primary School (LA8 0LB) & Burton Morewood CE Primary Academy (LA6 1ND)
QES Kirkby Lonsdale Sports Hall (LA6 2HJ) & Carnforth CP School (LA5 9LQ)

Open to Reception to
Y7 Boys & Girls

*9am-4pm
each day

FREE 8am-5pm
extended hours

**£24 Full Day

**£12 Half Day

(9am-12:30pm)
(12:30pm-4pm)

JOIN THE TEAM

Junior (ages 13-17) &
Lead (ages 18+)
coaching
opportunities



Sports & Activities
including...

Multi Sports
Floor Surfing
NERF & Archery
BOUNCY CASTLE
Lego & Let's Craft
relaxing areas
LOTS MORE FUN
Detective, Tag &
Musical Games
UV FUN GAMES

Supervised
FREE play

...plus lots more FUN
and creative
activities!!!

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic spaces available encouraging ALL attending children to have lots of #FUNwithFriends

**#HAF2023 FUNDED support available for benefits-related free school meals families thanks to the Government's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme via Westmorland & Furness Council

For further information or to make a booking please contact coachmarkgunn@gmail.com / 07912 178917

Name of Child..... School / Year Group..... /

Parental Name(s)..... Mobile(s).....

Parental Email(s).....

Medical Information - please give details of any important medical information that we should be aware of:

I would like my child to attend Coach Gunn Christmas Holidays 2023/24 Multi Sports & Activity Days on...

Wednesday 20 th December 2023 @ Crosscraze *10am-5pm	Friday 22nd December 2023 @ Burton Morewood	Saturday 23rd December 2023 @ QES Kirby Lonsdale	Tuesday 2nd January 2024 @ QES Kirkby Lonsdale	Friday 5th January 2024 @ Carnforth CP School	Saturday 6th January 2024 @ QES Kirkby Lonsdale
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To secure their place I will make payment of **£24 (Full Day) / **£12 (Half Day) per child per day in advance.

Payment Method = Direct Transfer to Coach Gunn Limited (Santander) 09-01-29 67809950

PayPal (via friends & family) to coachmarkgunn@gmail.com

Alternatively via **cash or cheque (Coach Gunn Limited)**

☐ I will collect my child promptly at 4pm ☐ I would like to request early drop off / later pick up

☐ My child will be collected by another person (name/relationship).....

I agree / don't agree to the publication of images of my son/daughter in the media.

Signed Date

For those families who receive Free School Meals, there are free places – just call Coach Gunn for details!

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Every year I set two competitions for our Infants and Juniors. These will have been sent out on paper to our children this week.

Name:

Class:

Mr Jones' Christmas Competition

Return the form to Mr Jones' Christmas Competition box outside his office. Entries with the correct answers will be pulled out of the hat on **15th December**.



This snowman is missing something! Finish the picture any way you like.

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Name the people in Christmas outfits. Return the form to Mr Jones' Christmas Competition box outside his office. Entries with the correct answers will be pulled out of the hat on **15th December**.



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Kendal Snowsports HAF Event 2023

Join us this Christmas on Kendal Dry Ski
Slope for 90 minutes ski time and a
barbeque lunch

You can do it!

Beginner Lessons **Fully Funded** for children (7-16) on Free
School Meals and some other categories—please enquire
Limited Self-funded places £20

**Dates: December 20th , 21st and 28th, morning
and afternoon sessions
Book all days or just one**



Further Information



To Book Places



For more activities search "Cumbria Holiday Activities and food"

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