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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Our Christian vision is for all our children and community to **flourish** together and enable others to do the same, using their talents and gifts to serve and support each other, encouraging a sense of care and responsibility to others and the world.

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we delve into the heart of the winter season, I am pleased to share some exciting updates and upcoming events at St Mary's CE School.

Firstly, the recent snowfall has brought immense joy and excitement to our students. It has been heartening to see them playing outdoors, engaging in snowball fights, and building snowmen. The laughter and camaraderie among the children during these snowy days truly highlight the positive and energetic atmosphere at our school.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to announce that we have a **Spelling Bee** approaching on the horizon. The event is scheduled for January 29th, and preparations are well underway. I encourage you to foster a love for spelling in your children by making the learning process creative and enjoyable. Engaging in spelling games or creating fun mnemonics can make the journey to spelling mastery both entertaining and educational.

In the coming weeks, you can expect to receive letters regarding various **school visits and residential**s planned for the summer term. These experiences are invaluable in broadening our students' horizons and creating lasting memories. Stay tuned for further details on these enriching opportunities.

Excitement is also building for our **Year 4 students** as they embark on their swimming journey. The swimming gala, set to take place next week, is an excellent opportunity for our young swimmers to showcase their skills and sportsmanship. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child is prepared and ready for this event.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that **home learning projects day** is in two weeks, focusing on geography and history. This day encourages creativity and allows students to delve deeper into these subjects, fostering a passion for learning beyond the classroom.

This term, our school is placing a special emphasis on values, guiding our students on how to flourish as individuals. We are dedicated to building on our **new school vision**, which will be shared with you over the next few months. We believe that by instilling strong values in our students, we are nurturing well-rounded individuals who will positively contribute to our community and beyond.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. We look forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and shared achievements.

Warm regards,

Mr Jones

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Maths Apps

Have you remembered that we encourage the use of three different apps to support your child's learning? There is a lot of research to back up the fact that regular use of these apps contributes to good progress in maths across the country.

One Minute Maths



Doodle maths



T T Rockstars



<http://tinyurl.com/nhkysrnd>

<https://shinetrust.org.uk/case-study/times-tables-rock-stars/#:~:text=The%20impact&text=The%20most%20recent%20speed%20data,when%20they%20started%20using%20it.>

<https://educationponderingsblog.wordpress.com/2017/07/11/a-study-into-times-table-rock-stars/>

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

Interviewing Baroness Thornton



Year 6 had a wonderful opportunity to meet with Baroness Thornton, who talked to the children about her life as a Member of the House of Lords. We were very fortunate to be able to have this opportunity.

After a grilling from Year 6, Baroness Thornton contacted me and said, 'Congratulations to you and your colleagues, on a lively and informed class who asked such searching questions.'



This was an inspiring interview and I was so proud that our children thought of very intelligent and searching questions.

Well done Creative thinkers!

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E-School Nurse Video Clinics (By appointment only)



Twice weekly **online health support and advice for parents**, carers and professionals who are **supporting children and young people aged 5-19** years old.

Tuesday and Thursday

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using [Attend Anywhere](#). The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient.

In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic**

Please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

01228 603973 Mon-Fri 8-4pm



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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

10 February 2024

★★★★ *"..ingenious.."* - The Stage

★★★★ *"..endlessly enjoyable.."* - A Younger Theatre

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Family Entertainment Spring 2024 Highlights

Comedy Club 4 Kids

27 Jan | Starts 2pm | Tickets £9
6+ yrs

Morgan And West's Massive Magic Show For Kids

16 Feb | Starts 1pm & 4pm
Tickets £12 | 5+ yrs

Creative Learning

Brewery Tots

11.30am-12.30pm | £60 (10 wks)
PAYG £7

Mini Art Explorers

Tuesdays | 9 January-19 March
2-6yrs

Mini Movers

Thursdays | 11 January-21 March
| 0-4yrs

Mini Movies

Fridays | 12 January-22 March
0-4yrs

Stage Stars

Thursdays 11 January to 21 March
4-4.45pm | £60 (10 wks) | 4-6 yrs

Our weekly session for little ones to explore dance and drama is a great starting point for any young child who was born to perform!

Clay Club

Thursdays 11 January-21 March
4-5.30pm | £85 (10 wks) | 7-16yrs

Artseen Advanced

Wednesdays 10 January-20
March 6.30-8pm | £85 (10 wks)
14-18yrs

Film Crew

Wednesdays 10 January-20
March 4.30-6pm | £85 (10 wks)
PAYG £8.50 | 11+ yrs

Selected highlights
See website for full listings
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Attendance emails and texts

If you are new to school, you may not be aware that we send out a text and/or email at this time of year to inform you about your child's attendance. These will be sent out today. This is for information only and to support your understanding of your child's attendance and absence. In the previous newsletter we looked in detail about the impact of absence and our obligation to promote good attendance.

We hope you find the text helpful. We have also sent out emails to support families where their child's attendance low. We also hope this proves to be helpful and aid discussions to improve attendance where possible.

Diary Dates.

Dates for the Diary:

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| Jan 24 th | Swimming Gala – Sedbergh Prep – Teams from Year Juniors to attend |
| Jan 26 th | Football Match – Holme vs St Mary's (after school) |
| Jan 29 th | Spelling Bee |
| Jan 30 th | Y6 to Visit Church – Eucharist |
| Jan 31 st | Y2 Class Worship in the Hall 14:40pm Parents are invited to come and see Y2 |
| Feb 2 nd | Home Learning Projects to be handed in |
| Feb 5 th | Young Voices to Manchester |
| Feb 7 th | Y5 to Ingleton Climbing Wall (am)
Y2/Y3 Gymnastics Team Competition (pm) |
| Feb 9 th | Sedbergh vs St Mary's - Football Match (TBC) |

END of HALF TERM

Parents should get information very soon about the above events if they have not been informed yet, letters/emails will come soon.

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