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Church of England Primary School  
Kirkby Lonsdale



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## Easter Letter

Dear Parents,

As we approach the much-awaited Easter break, I wanted to take a final moment to reflect on some of the enriching experiences our students have had over the past week and to share some important information with you.

Last week, our students had the opportunity to delve into the Easter story through a visit to the church. At the church, they engaged in an interactive journey through nine stations, each offering a unique perspective on the story of Easter. This hands-on experience allowed our students to deepen their understanding of the significance of Easter and its importance in the Christian faith. I am grateful to our staff and the church community for making this experience possible for our students.

In line with our commitment to fostering an inclusive and culturally aware environment, this week we also dedicated time to learning about other faiths. Specifically, our students explored Sikhism and Hinduism, gaining valuable insights into these rich and diverse traditions. Understanding and appreciating different faiths not only broadens our students' perspectives but also promotes tolerance and empathy within our school community.

Additionally, I am pleased to report that our Reception class had an enjoyable and educational trip to Greenlands Farm. These hands-on experiences outside the classroom are invaluable in enhancing our students' learning and fostering a love for exploration and discovery.

It has been so special to conclude the term with various Easter activities with some impressive decorated eggs coming into school as well as our traditional Easter activities and games.

As we prepare to embark on the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and joyous holiday season. May this Easter be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments spent with family and friends.

Please note that our staff will be engaged in training on Monday April 15th, so school will resume on Tuesday, April 16th. We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can continue to provide enriching experiences and opportunities for our students to thrive.

Mr Jones



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# Easter Week

## Thursday 28th March



Easter Music Concert 10-11am



Parent and Family Class Visit 11-12noon

- A chance to see your child's work and talk to them in class about their learning. Parents and Family all welcome.
- During the Parent Visit (11am-12noon), Year 6 parents will also have an opportunity to hear about SATS which take place after Easter.

End of Term (1pm)



Please note we have an INSET day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Summer term starts on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.



## Dolce – School Meals

We have been informed by Dolce (our school meals providers) that they will be increasing the price of school meals after the Easter break. This is linked to the increases in supplier costs and the rise in National Living Wage. As a result, they are informing parents that the cost of school dinners after Easter will be, £2.90 and a Nursery meal will be £2.54.

Could I please ask you to try and book your school meals before the break so that we are ready and prepared for the new term.

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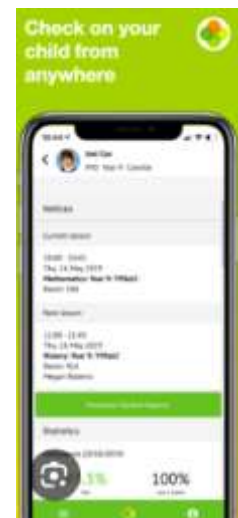
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## Moving from Scholarpack to Arbor

We are doing what we can to make life simpler and ensure parents can communicate easily with school and have up to date information about your child. We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS to Arbor in Summer Term and this will take place during the Easter break. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.



We are really looking forward to getting started with Arbor and invite all our parents to familiarise themselves using the link below.

Very soon we will be giving you information about the Arbor App which will be live on our return ready for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. We will be sending all messages, newsletters, pupil information, permissions etc. on the Arbor App.

### [Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App](#)

Arbor also offers access to many training resources which are completely free for you to make the most of! These can all be found [here](#). We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register when we return after Easter break, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted. We hope you are looking forward to using this new feature as much as we are! If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

By Half term (May) you will be able to pay for all school events/payments via the app and by the end of the year we will be reporting on the app and providing assessment information.

We hope that this will make things a lot easier for everyone, but this will just take a small change – to use the Arbor app online or use the Parent Portal App on your phone.

You may notice that this system is also being used by other local schools as well who are moving from Scholarpack to Arbor as well.

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## Parent Support – Please take a look at these supportive video clips

Parents often require support to help them respond well to their children’s behaviours, issues or needs. There is a really good website which provides mini clips to support parents. I have captured a few of the topics covered below, but please do explore the huge array of helpful support materials.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

<p>Building listening skills for parents</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>My child doesn't want to go to school</p> <p>7 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>I'm going through a break up and want to support my child</p> <p>7 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>
<p>Healthy habits for parenting</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>How can I support my child after a traumatic event?</p> <p>5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>De-escalation techniques with children</p> <p>2 min video 10 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>
<p>The importance of limits and consequences for children</p> <p>2 min video 5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>How to ignore irritating behaviours effectively</p> <p>2 min video 5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>My child keeps getting angry and lashing out</p> <p>6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>
<p>My child is anxious</p> <p>2 min video 8 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>Helping your child develop a positive body image</p> <p>7 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>Playing with my child</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>
<p>Supporting healthy gaming habits for children</p> <p>2 min video 10 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>My child has friendship issues</p> <p>2 min video 5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>Helping your child develop talents</p> <p>2 min video 6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>

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Understanding shyness in children  
2 min video  
8 min read

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My child says "I hate you!"  
2 min video  
5 min read

[Read now](#)

My child has trouble going to sleep  
2 min video  
8 min read

[Read now](#)

How do I get my child to listen?  
2 min video  
4 min read

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Talking to my child about race and discrimination  
2 min video  
5 min read

[Read now](#)

Helping your child understand cultural identity  
2 min video  
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Helping children develop positive gender identity  
8 min read

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Helping your child prepare for Secondary or High School  
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My child is struggling with peer pressure  
6 min read

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My child is being bullied. What can I do?  
2 min video  
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My child has meltdowns  
2 min video  
8 min read

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Using praise and reward with children  
2 min video  
6 min read

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My child might have bullied someone  
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My child and I keep getting into arguments  
2 min video  
6 min read

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My child just says no to everything  
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6 min read

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