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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

Honesty



Trust



Responsibility



Perseverance



Respect



Dear Parents



As we celebrate Volunteer Awareness Month, I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding support and dedication that our PTA have shown towards our school community. Your collective efforts as parents have made a significant difference in the lives of our children, and I am truly grateful for your commitment to their education and well-being. It is through your involvement, enthusiasm, and generosity that St. Mary's Primary School continues to thrive and flourish as a nurturing environment for learning and growth.

I am delighted to share with you the remarkable achievements of our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in recent months. Through their fundraising initiatives, they have raised an incredible amount of over £6000, which has been instrumental in supporting various aspects of our school's mission.

Spending well over £7000, from funding the school minibus to facilitating class visits and educational outings, your contributions have opened doors to new opportunities and experiences for our students. The provision of Lego technology for computing has sparked creativity and innovation in the classroom, while your support for families in need reflects the compassion and empathy that defines our school community.

During Volunteer Awareness Month, I encourage each and every one of you to consider getting involved with our PTA and other volunteer opportunities within the school. Your participation, no matter how big or small, can make a significant impact on the lives of our students and contribute to the continued success of our school community.

Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. Your involvement as parents is invaluable, and I am confident that your dedication and enthusiasm will inspire others to join us in our mission to provide the best possible education for our students.

It was lovely to see the PTA's efforts being celebrated in the local press this week – very impressive!

<https://www.thewestmorlandgazette.co.uk/news/24270074.kirkby-lonsdale-school-raises-6000-pupils/>

Thank you to all of the parents and families who have given their time and money to support the children in our school. You really are making a huge difference.

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Have you got the App?



You will have received a message to enable you to download the Arbor App and your personal email and password.

This will give you access to our new communication system which we are gradually converting to.

Go to **Google Play or Apple** and download the parent arbor app. You will have a code to login for the first time.

At half term we will be transferring all payments to Arbor so that we can put all of our systems into one app – hopefully making life a little bit simpler. (Thank you to Year 6 parents for your understanding even though you have a term to go).

We have moved over to Arbor in the financial year not school year and we are making a steady transition to move all of our systems to the one app. If you have any outstanding debts or payments to make, these will need to be paid in full by half term to make a better transition for you and us.

Please can you download the app and login to receive information about your child(ren) all in one app. This will soon be the place to receive messages from school, the weekly newsletter and other information about your child. Eventually, we will also be sending your assessment information and reporting to you via the app. It will also eventually be where you can give permission for trips, pay for trips and much more.

Nursery Applications – Sept 2024

Are you hoping to apply for a Nursery place for your child in September?

Please can you ensure you have applied by **May 20th** for a **nursery place** so that we can process your application and keep you in touch with transition days.

If you need an application form – please get in touch with the school office.



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Ski Team



I couldn't be more pleased to see some of our children taking part in the interschool ski competition this week. Held at Kendal Ski Slope, the children compete against other schools in a speed slalom competition playing many schools in the South Lakes.

Thanks to Mrs Mitton and Mrs Arnold for giving up their afternoon/evening to support our children.



Saxophone quartet visit

Following the success of our recent visit from the QES Folk Band, we were entertained by the amazingly talented QES Saxophone Quartet this week who played in school for our children. Learning an instrument can be expensive and requires time and practice but it is so rewarding. It is such a boost to see older players performing which is both motivating and inspiring. Hopefully, some children might consider playing the saxophone (we have lessons taking place on Fridays at St Mary's) and it will be motivating for those learning an instrument. Thank you to the quartet for joining us in their lunch time to share their talents and perform for us.

String Quartet Visit – Playground Proms

We will be hosting a string quartet next Wednesday as part of the Playgrounds Proms Project. This will be another excellent experience for our children to be inspired and have a mini concert experience. The children prepared for the visit today with a visit to learn a new song and movements.

Hopefully, the children will have a wonderful experience next week.



Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to be a parent governor, we have a vacancy coming up. For further information about the process of appointing a parent governor, please contact Mr Jones.

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Drug related incidents

We are mindful that we prioritise the safety and well-being of our children and the wider community, I want to emphasise our unwavering commitment to ensuring a secure environment for all in Kirkby Lonsdale. It is important that we work together to address the issue of drugs use and misuse to effectively help our community. Should any family members require support or guidance in dealing with this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or contact the support organisations below.

Additionally, we encourage parents to utilise available resources, including anonymous reporting to the authorities if they suspect drug dealing in our community. Together, we can create a safer and healthier environment for our children to thrive. Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring the well-being of our school community.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

CUMBRIA ADDICTIONS: ADVICE & SOLUTIONS (CADAS) - is a countywide charity offering support and guidance for all ages surrounding substance use and addiction. It provides therapeutic interventions to people with problematic dependences, alongside supporting their families, carers and friends. The charity also delivers advice, training, and consultancy across all sectors as part of its preventative work. Offices based in Barrow-in-Furness | Workington | Carlisle | Kendal. Reception Tel: 0300 111 4002 (10am-5pm Mon-Fri) | Helpline: 0800 2 54 56 58 (11am – 5pm Mon-Fri, open until 7pm Weds) Email: contact@cadass.co.uk

Recovery Steps Cumbria is run in partnership with The Well Communities, a local organisation where support is provided by staff and volunteers who have lived experience of drug and alcohol use.



<https://inspirelancs.org.uk/north-and-central/inspire/>



Get in touch

Call us
01900 512300

Carlisle, Barrow and
Kendal: Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

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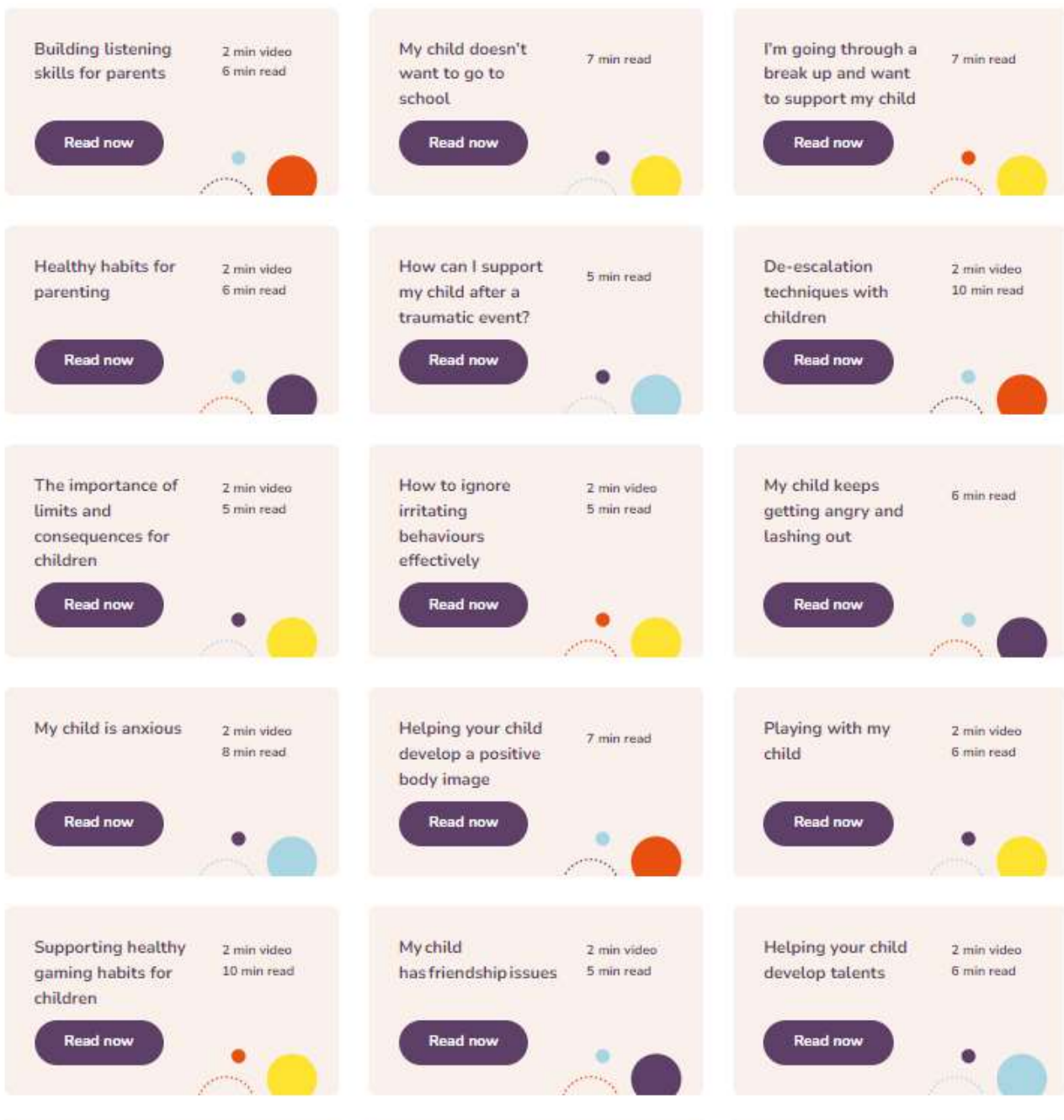
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Positive Feedback for the link...

We have had some positive feedback about the link below, supporting parents with accessible mini videos to help you on your journey with parenting. We all need help and support as parents and we will therefore keep the link on our newsletter for a little while in case you need a little bit of support.

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



Understanding shyness in children

2 min video
8 min read

Read now

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

Read now

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
4 min read

Read now

Helping children develop positive gender identity

8 min read

Read now

Helping your child prepare for Secondary or High School

10 min read

Read now

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
6 min read

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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

2 min video
8 min read

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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

2 min video
6 min read

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