

St Mary's Church of England Primary School Newsletter No. 5 8th October 2015



Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

As we roll into Autumn it has been wonderful to spend time with the children celebrating Harvest. Our service held today highlighted the wonderful work the children have been exploring as they reflect on Harvest time. Thank you to the children who have shared their dance, poems, art, work and prayers at St Mary's Church. Many thanks also to the children who brought their pennies to support 'Mary's Meals' a charity committed to providing meals to children in schools around the world.

Parent Meetings

I hope you found these meetings helpful in providing you with information about your child, how they have settled in and how we can support them in moving forward. Please get in touch with school if you have not managed to make a booking and we will endeavour to arrange a meeting or telephone call.

New website parent consultation

As part of our improvements to communication we have commissioned a new school website. I mentioned in a previous newsletter that would like to respond to parent's and governor's views and ensure they contribute to the information on the website. As a result could I please ask you to follow this link and take five minutes to complete the five questions on the consultation. <http://www.makeusawebsite.com/st-marys/> The more information we have and the more we hear your views, the more the website will suit your needs as parents and prospective parents.

Visits and Visitors.

We have had a very exciting and busy week of activities including circus activities in the early years and Indian dance workshops in Year 5. The children have had a very fruitful time, one which I hope will last in their memories for a long time! In Year 4 the children have made wonderful chocolate pizzas, I am only concerned that nobody brought any chocolates back for me!



Cross Country Runners

Our junior children will be representing school today at the area cross country hosted by Casterton Prep School today. Good luck to everyone who is taking part!

School Leaders join Pupil Parliament

Four of our school council members (now called school leaders) were invited to join 13 other local schools to form a Pupil Parliament. This event was held at the Netherwood Hotel in Grange and opened by Tim Farron MP who spoke and joined in with the activities of the day. The children can be seen in the photo, posing on the balcony of the Hotel, but I can reassure you they were actively working with their peers throughout the day.



Comic Arts Festival

This weekend Mrs Day will be taking part in Kendal's Comic Art Festival. Year 1 will have a wonderful display of Superhero characters in the window of the Oaklea Trust shop at 48 Stramongate, Kendal; next to the Aga shop! Last year's event was a wonderful success and the feedback was fantastic so please go along to view the display and "VOTE FOR YEAR 1"!

Judo

Ethan Z and Esmee H will be representing school in the Craven School's Judo League on Friday. We wish them good luck and hope they have a really good experience! It is fantastic to see our children making a positive contribution and representing school. Well done!

And further congratulations go to Esmee who has also earned herself a place on the North West Area Judo Squad. She will represent the area on later in the month in the Southend International Judo Championship. Good Luck Esmee!



brickbat

an unkind word or greeting

e.g. Mr Jones was welcomed with a sarcastic smile and a brickbat this morning!

(This hasn't happened by the way!)

Reminders for next week:

Year 6 pupils will be taking part in Cyclewise next week. Please get your bikes in good working order!

Current School Website:

We are making every effort to get information to you accurately and in good time. We are also aware that the school website is slightly out of date. We will be trying to make sure the information is accurate very soon. I would like to confirm, as I think it varies on differing information from last term, that the end of term is on **FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER**.

Have a lovely weekend together.

Mr Jones