

St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Harvest and Mary's Meals

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Harvest festival. The children shared some wonderful dances, prayers and poems and it provided us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon our Value this half term of 'Thankfulness'. I am equally pleased to be able to announce that we raised **£178.41** for our nominated charity – Mary's Meals. The amount raised will mean that **30 children** will receive a meal for a whole year. Well done to the children who thought beyond themselves and supported the children in Malawi. We have been talking to the children about sharing Good News this week and I really think that this is an example of the positive contribution our children can make around the world.



Cross Country

On Thursday 8th October 35 children accompanied Mrs Winnard, Mrs Chalmers and Mrs Smith to Casterton/Sedbergh school to represent St. Mary's at their cross country invitational event. It was a fantastic afternoon of running and we were hugely impressed by the effort all the children made. Our first runners home in each category were: U9 girls – Sophie Cowin (10th overall), U9 boys – Freddie Metcalfe (4th overall), U11 girls – Kate Watson (10th overall), U11 boys – Ben Greenep (10th overall). Congratulations to all of our children who represented school last week at Casterton. It was wonderful weather for running and the children performed really well. All of our four teams were placed from 4th -8th out of the various schools represented from the area. Most impressively I thought the children showed great determination and resilience.

Christmas Cards

I can't believe I am mentioning this already but just so that you are aware, the children have been completing their art work to produce Christmas Cards. These cards will be available for purchase running up to Christmas.

Forest Area

Our nursery and reception children go out to the wood area each week to enjoy an array of different forest activities. We recognise that this is an open space and vulnerable to many children playing in the woods in and out of school time. However could I please ask children not to use the woods at the end of the day as the area is being disturbed making setting up on Fridays challenging for our staff. Thank you very much.

Cycle Wise

This week has been a great opportunity for our Year 6 children to get on their bikes and improve their cycling proficiency and safety awareness.



Attendance

I am impressed that currently 62% of the children have 100% attendance in school. Whilst we cannot help being poorly I think it is important to celebrate those children who have 100% attendance as it is a great achievement. Last year at my previous school I had the pleasure of awarding 2 pupils with a special award for 4 consecutive years at 100%. I will be awarding special attendance awards at the end of the year for those children with 100%. Currently the attendance is as follows ...

R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
95%	97%	98.4%	94%	98.7%	97.7%	97.6%

We are aiming for 97% across the whole school by the end of this year. We are currently at 96.9%.

School Lunch Menus

There have been a few amendments to the school menus. All of the menus have been put on the Wisepay website until Christmas. Please can you remember to make sure your order for next week is completed? Thank you.



discombobulate

*to confuse or disorientate e.g. Mr Bromley was
discombobulated after he fell over and bumped his **head!***

Safety Talk

On Thursday 22nd our local PCSOs will be joining us to discuss safety issues with Y1-6 as we draw close to half term and Bonfire Night. It would be lovely if you could follow this discussion up at home. Thank you in anticipation.

Craft Club

After half term Mrs Day will be running a Christmas Craft Club on Tuesday evenings after school until 4.30pm. The club will begin on Tuesday the 3rd November and will run until the 15th December. This club is exclusively for children in years 2, 3, and 4 and is limited to 12 places only. If you would like your child to participate please return the permission slip at the bottom of this letter.

Diary Date – 2nd November 2015

This marks the start of St Mary's Book Week. This is a fun filled week of stories, activities, a book sale and a theatre production in school of Pinocchio. Further information will be sent out next week so please keep checking your inboxes!

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Jones

Christmas Craft Club

I would like my child _____ Year Group _____ to participate in the Christmas Craft Club starting on the 3rd November.

Parent Signature _____ Emergency contact Number _____