



St Mary's Church of England Primary School
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Welcome back to a new term. We are beginning spring term building on the previous two values of thankfulness and peace. This half term we will look at service, in particular how others serve in the community and using this inspiration to look at how we can serve others. This may be in school, our community or at home.

We would love to hear about anyone who volunteers their time for others or from anyone who has been honoured by the Queen for their service to others. Please get in touch with the school office or your child's class teacher if you know someone who would like to speak to our children.

Cross Country

Our children have once again been running at Casterton this week. Congratulations to everyone who took part. I know everyone ran very well. Congratulations to Charlie and Freddie who were placed in their races, receiving medals. It is fantastic to see so many of our children running! We will also be holding an inter house cross country challenge towards the end of January for all of our Junior pupils.

Times tables

We mentioned recently that we are having a focus on ensuring our children learn their times tables. Our challenge is to ensure children know their times tables to 12 by Year 4 so that we can consolidate these in Year 5 and apply them to fractions, problem solving etc. The children are working hard to explore these in school and I hope they will be creative in practising them at home too.

Home Projects

On Monday our children will be receiving their home projects which will be another exciting opportunity to explore the topics being studied. We will be handing these projects in on Feb 1st.

Clubs

A special thank you to Mrs Day who is running an Art Club on Tuesdays for Year 5 and 6 children. There are still some places left in this club so please contact Mrs Lyall in the school office if you would like your child to take part. We are also running an Adventure Challenge Club for Year 3 and 4 on Tuesdays. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the clubs!

Word of the Week

Kvell

A verb - meaning to be really pleased or bursting with pride

“Give me something to **kvell** over.”

