



Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

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Family Talk Time:

Word of the Week

A word to describe someone who is short and stout

Celebrations and Visits this week.

This week we have had a busy week. In Nursery and Reception the children celebrated Chinese New Year. The children made craft to decorate the classes and had a Chinese banquet as well as dragon dancing. This year it is the year of the monkey!

Hockey Competition

Well done to everyone who represented school at the inter school hockey competition playing against Casterton (Sedbergh Prep) yesterday.

It has also been lovely to hear about various children's achievements in sport which we love to celebrate in our Friday assembly and throughout school.

Sporting Achievements

Recently at the First Kendal Colour Belt judo tournament of 2016 and Ethan Zahler won GOLD in his weight category. He fought two matches and one of his opponents was two levels higher than him. Congratulations to Ethan and I hope he keeps working hard to improve his Judo Skills!!



Visits

Year 2 travelled to Manchester to visit the airport this week and Reception went to the Judge's Lodgings in Lancaster. Year 5 had a fantastic time on Tuesday celebrating Mardis Gras before Ash Wednesday.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every so often it is important to remind everyone about the importance of ensuring our children arrive on time for the school day. I thought during lent this might prove to be a good time. Importantly the children can become very unsettled if they are regularly late as learning is often in full swing. Can I also ask if you could call before 9:00am if your child is unwell on the first day of the absence? Thank you for your understanding.

Calling home

One of the most important skills we try to develop in school is independence and responsibility. This is clearly a skill needed in life but especially as children move to secondary school. I mention this as we have seen a marked increase in children forgetting packed lunches, sports kit for clubs etc. As a result we are having to call home to ask parents to bring certain items into school. We have been talking to the children about the need to take responsibility for their own equipment and discussing how to plan for the next day. If you could support us in discussing this too we would really appreciate your support.

Governor Elections

Thank you for your patience with us regarding the Governor Elections. Firstly thank you to everyone who took part which meant it was a very positive process. The reason for the small delay is that we came upon a situation which doesn't occur very often. As you will see below...

The results were that Mr Lauretani received 73 votes, Mrs Moorby 62 votes and Mrs Venys Moran 62 votes. As a result the second governor position was tied. We sought advice about what to do and as a result we were asked to toss a coin for the second place. Mrs Venys Moran won the coin toss which took place at the Governor Meeting held recently. I would like to thank all three parents who put themselves forward and I would also like to congratulate our two new governors. Thank you to Mrs Moorby also who will continue to volunteer and contribute to school in different ways! It is really encouraging to have interest in our Governors from both those offering to be candidates and everyone taking part in the voting process. We appreciate everyone's contribution.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 parents.

There are various resources on our school website to inform parents about the changes to the Year 2 and 6 assessments this year. We have also provided detailed information for

year 1 parents about the Year 1 phonics assessment. Here you can find a video which looks at the sounds, blending and also examples of the assessments which will allow you to support your child in feeling confident with the assessment.

Times-tables Inter house Competition.

We will be holding our inter house times-tables competition tomorrow at the end of the day tomorrow which will be a great opportunity to test our children's times-tables knowledge. Throughout the week our children have been completing assessments including their times tables knowledge. The children should be receiving certificates to highlight the achievements and motivate them to go the next level.

Congratulations Felicity:

You will have seen on the website that Felicity, the Year 5 rabbit, has given birth to four baby kittens. Very well done – I believe this happened during an English lesson. So many exciting things happen in Year 5!!

Enjoy half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 22nd February.

Mr Jones