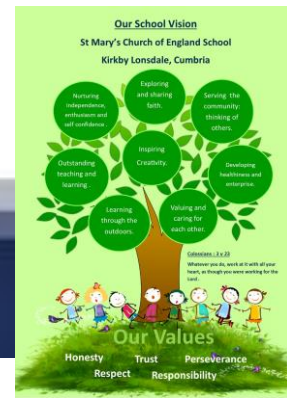


St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners,

Vision Document

This week we have been looking at the new school vision and values which have been developed over the past few months as part of our consultation with our school family.

Morning Drop off and Evening Pick Up

Most mornings and at the end of the day there is obviously increased traffic along Kendal Road and outside of the school. This is predominately St Mary's and QES parents dropping their children off. In most cases there are very few incidents. However recently parents of both schools are parking in the bus bay and unfortunately blocking the buses and making it difficult to allow the smallest of our children to be as close to the gate as possible. Recently when challenged, some parents have been exceptionally rude to the drivers. Could I please ask parents to demonstrate patience and thought when dropping off the children, even in the most pressured of mornings and with such limited parking space.

Congratulations to:



Congratulations to George and Connor who are members of Lancaster City under 8's team. On 14/5/2016 the team won the cup final of the Lancaster & Morecambe Service to Youth League. The team have been amazing and did not lose a match on route to the final. Really well done children!



Really well done to Esmee who has followed her Ireland visit with a trip to Sweden to take part in an International Judo tournament. Esmee has been described by the Great Britain Olympic coach as "a lion with great grit and determination". She now has a GB ranking as a result of participating in this event. She walked away with a very impressive Bronze from the tournament!



Congratulations to Ethan who received a Gold Medal at the Kendal Colour Belt Tournament. Ethan is clearly listening to his coach and progressing well!

Under 9 Cricket Festival



Well done to our Year 3 and 4 pupils who came second at the Casterton – Sedbergh Prep Cricket Festival this week. Congratulations on a superb performance!

Additional Congratulations:

Well done to **Charlie, Sam, Ben and Millie** who have all taken part in the FRA Yorkshire Championships at Malham. Clearly we have some excellent fell runners in our school!

Well done to **Evie and Isla** who have completed a lap of Windermere to raise funds and support the Brathay Trust. They really showed perseverance by the sounds of it!

Lace Club

Marjorie Hanson, who runs the Lace club after school, has forwarded this article to me. It is amazing to think 100 children have been working with Marjorie since 1984. Thank you very much to her for her contribution!

Kirkby Lonsdale Young Lacemakers

from Marjorie Hanson

Beatrix started making lace in November 2015. Neve and Isabella started in January 2016.
This makes a total of 100 children I have taught since 1984.

Beatrix Newman
8 years



Neve Stephenson
9 years



Isabella Ogden
8 years



School Dinners Deadline

Menus are now loaded on Wisepay for the next half term. Please remember to order meals for after the half term before 1:00pm on Friday 27th May.

We have now come to the end of the trial period for the soup option and following feedback from parents and children we have decided not to continue with this option. We will instead reinstate the Baked Potato with Salad option. If you select this when you book meals please note that your child will be given the choice of either cheese or tuna fillings on the day.

As always we welcome feedback on the school meals, so if you want to comment about this please email the school office.

Staff changes for September 2016

Just to let you know that class teachers will remain largely unchanged for the 2016-17 academic year, with the exception of Reception and Year 2 teachers. If your child will be in either of these classes and you wish to discuss the changes, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Nursery Class – Mrs D Winnard

Reception Class – Mrs K Jamieson

Year 1 – Mrs A. Day

Year 2 – Mrs E. Hutchinson

Year 3 – Miss H. Loy

Year 4 - Mr A. Laybourn

Year 5 – Mrs M. Smith

Year 6 – Mr D. Bromley

Sports day 25th May

Just a quick reminder that we will be holding our Sports Day next Wednesday, weather permitting. The full finalised timetable of events will be published tomorrow and will be emailed to you. If for any reason we have to cancel the event will let you know by the text service.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, if your child has a meal booked they will receive a school packed lunch. If you wish to cancel this and provide a packed lunch from home please let the school office know no later than 12 noon on Friday.

Cake Stall

Esmee in Year 5 will be holding a cake stall after school this Friday in the school playground to raise much needed funds for Stephanie Inglis, the Commonwealth Games Silver Judo Medallist. The judo community has been rocked by the news that last week Stephanie was

involved in a motorcycle accident in Vietnam whilst volunteering in a school teaching English to underprivileged children. Stephanie is critically ill and a campaign has been launched that Esmee feels compelled to help with by having cake stalls. Please dig out your loose change and support Esmee on Friday. Thank you.

Have a really good weekend,

Mr Jones