



Dear Parents

I am writing to you today to inform you of some temporary changes in the leadership of St Mary's for the next half term. I have recently been in meetings with the Local Authority discussing the possibility of taking on a short term role as an Executive Head of Flookburgh School. The current headteacher of the school, Mrs Pett, is currently absent for medical reasons for the last half term of this academic year. To be approached for this role is in acknowledgement of the good practice taking place at St Mary's School and in my role as a Local Leader of Education (LLE) I am required to share good practice with other schools from time to time. Importantly, I would like to reassure you that we remain fully committed to taking our school forward from our 'Good' position to 'Outstanding' with the brilliant leadership team, staff and Governors we have here at St Mary's.

In the short term it will involve me being executive head teacher of both schools, and creating the roles of 'Head of School' which will be jointly held by Mrs Jamieson and Mr Bromley. The roles will only be in place for the seven weeks that make up the latter part of this term. I will spend one to two days a week at Flookburgh during this time. We would really like to support Flookburgh School during their time without their headteacher and we have the capacity to do so.

The opportunity is a very exciting one for the school leadership team and highlights the close working relationship of schools together in the South Lakes. We have a very capable staff team who certainly have the expertise and capability to ensure we function as normal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mr Jones'.

Mr Jones

Classes for next year

We are now able to inform you about the class teachers for next year. I would like to take this opportunity to specifically thank Mrs Gates and Mrs Thomas for their excellent work particularly over the past two years in both Year 3 and Year 4. I am sure we will be continuing to see Mrs Thomas and Mrs Gates in and around school next year. The children will have an opportunity to get to know their new teacher towards the end of term.

Junior Classes:



Year 6
Mr D Bromley



Year 5
Mr D Yates



Year 4
Miss H Loy



Year 3
Mrs A Day

Infant Classes:



Year 2
Mrs M Smith



Year 1
Miss R White

Reception



Mrs K Jamieson

Nursery



Miss E Cook



Mrs D Winnard



Mrs E Hutchinson

Please remember the half term challenge - Times tables Rocks Challenge.

We are announcing a very special prize for all children who get at 5000 pts for the next two weeks on Times tables Rocks. If children get 5000pts next week and during half term we will be awarding each child in the juniors a Soccer Starz World Cup figure.

Children will all have their login in the Junior classes so please go on and see if you can beat your time and collect your points. Passwords are in school planners if some children are unsure.



We also have a special challenge for Year 6 as Mr Jones and Mrs Gates will be taking three of our fastest times tables rocks stars to an inter-school challenge in Bolton later in the Year. Get practising Year 6!

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| 1ST PRIZE HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER THE CITY FOR THE WINNER AND THEIR TEAM + 30,000 TTRS COINS + WINNER'S TROPHY | 2ND PRIZE 20,000 TTRS COINS |
| | 3RD PRIZE 15,000 TTRS COINS |

Mrs Gladwinfield - Kenya

Mrs Gladwinfield has asked me to thank everyone who has supported her as she travels to Kenya with Mrs Highton to work out there over the next few weeks.



Golf and Tennis Festival

Our children had the opportunity to take part in the local level one Tennis and Golf Tournaments held this week. Two of our teams will go through to level 2 competitions next half term.



Polite Notice : We do not want children in football tops for PE please can you ensure children are wearing white t shirts for PE. Thank you. Teachers are being asked to ensure children have the correct PE Kit.

Year 3 Vindolanda and Birdoswald visit



Year 3 have had a superb visit to consolidate their learning about Roman Britain this week. They took part in workshops, explored artefacts and the site. They had a great time although it was clearly a little cooler than in Kirkby Lonsdale.

Something to note...



One of our parents has mentioned that their child has had a tick bite. Please can you be watchful especially as the children are playing out in the good weather.

Superb Spellings – Year 5



Congratulations to **Amelia, George, Alfie, Connor, Poppy and Connie Maye** who have all managed to get every spelling correct this term in the spelling tests on Fridays. Mrs Smith and I are extremely impressed with the hard work it takes to achieve this result!

Invitation

families@4
- new things from Berham Parish Church
- to help life make sense.

FREE BBQ!!!

Families@4 with a difference! Come along for a free BBQ with the Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines. He wants to hear what life is like for you in our area, come and let him know!

Sun 27th May—1-2:30pm
Bentham Youth Café. All welcome. It's free.
Hot food. Games. Crafts. Hot food. Surprises!

text Rev Tim 07581561042 or Rev Anne 07528 572072
to help us plan. facebook.com/families4



Please note there a a few additions and a change of date.

Summer Term Dates

June

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| June 5 th | Kwik Cricket Competition – Year 5/6 |
| June 6 th | Hawse End Residential – Year 6 U11s Cricket Festival – Casterton 6pm Reception and Nursery new Parents meeting |
| June 7 th | Sedbergh Leadership Day (10 pupils from Year 5 to attend) Tri Golf Level 2 for qualifying teams |
| June 12 th | Sports Day - Infants (am) Juniors (pm) |
| June 13 th | <i>Casterton Athletics Festival (Change of Date originally 8th June)</i> |
| June 14 th | Manchester/Rochdale Residential – Year 4 <u>NON UNIFORM DAY – Dressing up in pink/grey & making PIG Cakes</u> |
| June 15 th | Craven Judo Competition |
| June 19 th | Year 1 Visit Day – Blackpool Zoo |
| June 20 th | Nursery and Reception Visit Girls Cricket Festival – Burneside Cricket Ground Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Competition (Y4/5/6) |
| June 21 st | Final Pupil Parliament Day – Netherwood Hotel |
| June 26 th | Year 2 Visit to Blackpool Sealife Centre |
| June 27 th | Times tables Rocks Day (3 pupils from Year 6) - Bolton |
| June 28 th | BIG SING – All Junior Children at Sedbergh Prep (am)- 9:15am |

July

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| July 5 th | Summer Music Concert (am) |
| July 6 th | PTA Summer Fair |
| July 9 th /10 th | Infants and Reception Performance – St Mary’s School Hall |
| July 12 th | Y6 Transition session – Ingleton Methodists |
| July 16 th /17 th | Juniors Performance – QES Harlequin Theatre |
| July 19 th | Year 6 Leavers Event |
| July 20 th | Year 6 Leavers Service – St Mary’s Church |