



Newsletter # 2 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week as we have been settling in to all of our new routines. As well as all the fantastic work across school in the different classes, it has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying our outdoor spaces and the creative ways in which they use them. The lovely weather certainly helps, but it is fantastic to see how adaptable and engaged the children are.

Reading Books and Planners



This week, we have been encouraging children to get into a good pattern of reading and getting homework done, to support learning in school and reinforce the importance of good, independent routines. Please sign this each day to confirm your child is reading regularly.

This week I am going through planners and book records to discuss with children how important it is to start school by reading each night (even for five minutes) and record this with parents. I hope you will support this.

Home Learning Day

If you are new to school, we also have a special project day, where children bring in home projects relating to the topics being taught in school. These are given at the same time across the school and the project date for handing these in is the same too. We will be announcing this very soon. Information will be shared on Google Classroom for your class.

Topics:

Nursery	Bears	Reception	Transport
Year 1	Myself	Year 2	History of Transport
Year 3	Volcanoes and Mountains	Year 4	Map Skills – Kirkby Lonsdale
Year 5	India	Year 6	Victorians

House points this week...			
Farleton	Ingleborough	Howgill	Middleton
316	342	375	377





Languages Day 21st Sept – Non Uniform Day

For those new to school, each year we celebrate European Languages Day. This is a superb day which enables children to find out all about different countries and cultures. This event is taking place on **Tuesday 21st September**. On this day, children do not wear school uniform but wear (wherever possible) the colours of the country's flag or clothes relating to the country. This year, the countries are the following:

Nursery	Italy	Reception	Spain
Year 1	Iceland	Year 2	Wales
Year 3	France	Year 4	Cyprus
Year 5	Switzerland	Year 6	Belgium

Covid Symptoms

You will be aware in the news that there is a growing number of covid cases nationally and locally, typically amongst the under 25-year olds but then extending to families. With various winter colds and viruses appearing I would also like to share the symptoms for covid with you. Could I please ask you to consider being cautious and use PCR testing for your child if you think they have covid symptoms. This will aid in keeping our school and the community safe and avoid significant disruption.

The symptoms may include:

- Fever or chills
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea



Rugby - Casterton



We were very lucky to be invited to a rugby skills development session at Casterton Sedbergh School on Wednesday and a group of excited children from years 4, 5 and 6 were able to attend. The children were able to take part in a wide range of activities designed to build confidence and enjoyment in rugby and get a chance to see the next level of rugby standards. Just as importantly, it was a great opportunity to start our return to sporting events and enjoy the experience of being away from the school site. One of the most important aspects of this is, of course, the bus trip...



Open Day for Nursery and Reception – Tues Nov 9th

We are pleased to announce we are hosting

Nursery and Reception Open Day for prospective parents

On Tuesday Nov 9th from 9:30 – 11:30am

Please book your place at the school office Tel: **015242 71334**



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Roofing works

Firstly, thank you for your continued understanding whilst our roofing work takes place. We are very aware of the challenges this presents on a daily basis and we really value the positive approach everyone has taken.

Now that the roofers have moved above the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms, we have had to find alternative accommodation to avoid the inevitable disruption of people walking, hammering and sawing above the ceilings. Whilst we have space in school to allow one class to move and spread out, we have been working very hard behind the scenes to find another location where a classroom could either be borrowed or created. We are exceptionally lucky to live and work in such a community minded town and were kindly offered support from both the Lunesdale Hall, opposite the fire station, and the Methodist Church, across the road from St Mary's Church. Amazingly, we have been able to set up a "home from home" in the Methodist Church chapel, which has allowed us to get settled in very quickly and continue lessons without disruption. Well, with only minor disruption...! The Year 3 children have, as ever, shown us just how fantastic they are and are already focused and working in their new space. We are also getting an excellent amount of exercise too, which is always a bonus!



We would, once again, like to extend our sincere thanks to the everyone in the community who has helped us find a suitable, enjoyable space whilst the roofing work continues, but especially those at the Methodist Church, whose support and generosity has been simply amazing.

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Harvest – 27th September

We will be celebrating Harvest on Monday 27th of September and having a special assembly with Lol next week. Wherever possible, we like to support a local charity at harvest time and this year we would like to provide a donation to support the work of the Kirkby Lonsdale Community Cupboard. If you are willing and able, they have asked for some items that they always run low on:

tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, tinned meat, tinned fish, toothpaste, dried milk, long life milk, jelly cubes, spaghetti hoops, baked beans, hot chocolate, cheese biscuits, marmalade, jam, tomato ketchup.

If we receive any donations of sweet treats, we would love to deliver them on behalf of the school community to to Brant



Howe care home, something we know both children and residents really enjoy.

Please don't feel under pressure to provide a donation on Monday 27th September, but if you are able, it will be gratefully received.

THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



KIRKBY LONSDALE & SURROUNDINGS

ALLEVIATING FOOD POVERTY, PERIOD POVERTY, AND REDUCING FOOD WASTE

P.T.A. A.G.M. 23rd September @ 7:30pm

Our fantastic P.T.A. are holding their A.G.M. via zoom on Thursday 23rd September at 7:30pm. The P.T.A. are a vital part of our school who help enormously with providing the enriched and creative curriculum we have at St Mary's. After the past two years where fund raising has been significantly limited, they are looking forward to getting back to the task at hand and thinking of ideas for the future.

If you are interested in helping out in any way whatsoever, or are interested in how the P.T.A. does what it does, please contact Sam at samhadwin@hotmail.co.uk and she will send you the code for the meeting.



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Enjoying the great outdoors



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Interested in **F**ostering?



We urgently need more foster carers for children in your area! Find out about the excellent package of training and support we offer at our event!

Attend our online information event on
Tuesday 28 September from 6.30pm to 8pm

Find out more at cumbria.gov.uk/fostering
or call us today on **0303 333 1216**

