

Newsletter # 5 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

Although we all need to stay vigilant and aware of the situations around us, it has been fantastic to continue our return to normal school activities and events. Our Harvest service and Year 5 and 6 Residential last week made it very clear just how much we have missed these events.

This week, we were very lucky to have two sporting fixtures, hosted by Casterton, Sedbergh Prep School. In addition to these events and our weekly PE slots, we have our own inter-house competitions booked for the last day of half term (Thursday 21st October - we have one of our 3 INSET training days on Friday 22nd October) to make sure everyone is able to take part in a fun, sporting activity. There will be more information on this next week, but it's always nice to get advanced warning!

Rugby Development Training

Our crew of new rugby players returned to Casterton for the second session of rugby training. They have all learned an incredible amount and it was very clear to see just how enthusiastic and ready for the challenge everyone was. It was also great to see the two schools being able to work together again after such a long time apart. We will keep you informed of any other sessions like this that we are able to offer.



Cross Country

Cross country is back! It might not be everyone's cup of tea, but it is always a great occasion and, when held at Casterton, the post-race snacks are always enjoyed! Unsurprisingly, the rain came just in time to make sure everyone got nice and damp, especially those members of staff who forgot their coats or spare shoes...

Unsurprisingly, the children were utterly fantastic and showed great determination, positive attitudes and an incredibly supportive outlook towards not only their team mates, but also everyone else who was taking part. Everyone did exceptionally well, especially since it was the first large-scale event we have been to in a very long time, and the red faces at the end of the course were testament to just how hard everyone had tried.



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Individual Photos

Sadly, our photographer was unable to come to school this week due to illness. We have rescheduled for **Monday 1st November**, which is the first day back after half term.

After School Club plea

Our wonderful after school club run a wide range of activities each week. To help with some of their planned activities for the next few weeks, they would like to ask if anyone has any wool they would like to donate to after school club. Any donations would be gratefully received!

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**



Safeguarding – Sexual Harassment

Following Ofsted's survey into sexual harassment in schools, all schools are considering their response to the finished report.

We have prepared a safeguarding update report, which we hope to produce each term. The first does deal with this issue and we hope you find the report informative. Our next update will focus on online safety and safe use of the internet.

The Safeguarding update will be sent along with this newsletter.



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Parents' meetings

We are very keen to promote good communication and relationships between school and parents as we all know this is the best way to provide the most stable, supportive and encouraging environment for your children. If there are ever any concerns about your child, either socially, emotionally or academically, their class teacher will always get in touch to discuss the ways forward with you personally. And, likewise, we would actively encourage anyone with a concern or problem to get in touch with the class teacher directly so as to avoid any misunderstandings or unnecessary concern.

Another part of keeping in touch is through our Parents' meetings, and the time is fast approaching to discuss how your child has settled in to their class. Partly due to the popularity of our online meetings last year and the ever-changing Covid picture in the local area, we will be holding these on Google Meet and giving you the opportunity to book your own timeslot using an online poll. The links for the actual video meetings will be sent out towards the end of next week but you can use the links below to book your 10-minute slot. As with last time, we can only offer **one slot per child** so we are unable to hold multiple meetings for different parents.

From personal experience of booking on to my own children's meetings, I would encourage you to write down the time and date you have chosen as it is incredibly easy to forget! You can always click back on the poll link to check, but I certainly didn't realise that until it was too late... Once you have selected your time (you can scroll left or right should you need to), you will need to add your full name *or* child's name at the left of the screen and click on the green "send" button below the dates. You should then get a confirmation message to show you have selected your choice. Any issues, please just let us know!

Reception (**Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/48y4hsbz22u3raf7?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 1 (**Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/7yttkciemd5enf35?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 2 (**Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/e2stfzhz4x4icdz6?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 3 (**Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/e2zfgw2er539sm52?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 4 (**Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/ds6cmqke4ydhqvqp?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 5 (**Friday 15th, Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/guabrq3f46igcbhs?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Year 6 link (**Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th October**) booking link

https://doodle.com/poll/iww8a9kxa35pp4fk?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

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Your PTA need you! We are getting ready for our Christmas fundraiser and as part of the festivities will be holding our annual Christmas raffle. We are asking if you or someone you know has a business that is willing to donate a prize for our raffle.

If so please email lauragkeeler@gmail.com or catch her at school.

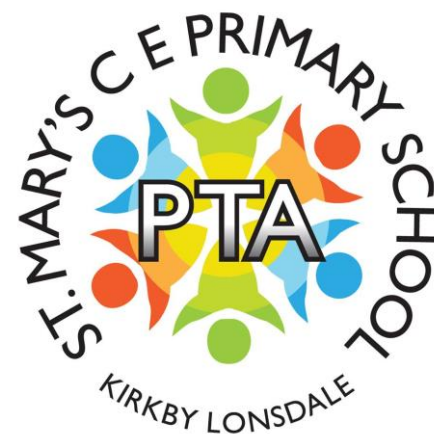
Bags to school

Our popular bags to school event is back. Reduce your clutter, create some space and send your bags of clothes in so they can be reused. Bags to school accept

- * Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- * Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- * Handbags
- * Hats
- * Bags
- * Scarves and ties
- * Jewellery
- * Lingerie
- * Socks
- * Belts
- * Soft toys
- * Household linen
- * Household curtains
- * Household towels
- * Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

But NOT school uniform

Bags will be collected outside school on **Wednesday 3rd of November**. We will let you know where closer to the time so you have plenty of time to gather your bags together.



House points this week...			
Farleton	Ingleborough	Howgill	Middleton
602	574	665	682



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