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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School

Kirkby Lonsdale



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## Newsletter #7 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

What an exciting, action packed and long half term we have had. I hope the children have a well-earned rest. Despite covid-19 not disappearing, I have been impressed with the opportunities we have still been able to offer.

We were all told in the news that this winter would prove to be challenging in terms of the many bugs, viruses along with covid-19. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we all manage the various illnesses that are emerging and will continue to emerge.

Assuming the situation does not change, we are looking forward to our open day for prospective parents which has not taken place face to face for some time. The details are below:

**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**

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we navigate this term, which has proven to be challenging as Cumbria responds to a significant rise in covid cases.

Mr Jones

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# INSET DAY – Staff Only in school

Just a reminder that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct is an INSET day and the children are no in school on this day.

## Year 2 trip to Leyland Vehicle Museum

Year 2 have had a wonderful time on their trip to Leyland this week. It was their first long distance coach trip as class, which really adds some excitement too! They have been able to see and compare a hands-on timeline of working vehicles from horse drawn carriages, to steam driven machines, right up to modern lorries and busses. There was also the chance to experience life on the road through the HGV simulator. What a fantastic way to bring their topic to a close!



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# Last day of the half term!



Today we have had a whole school focus to explore the meaning of a cross to Christians and to discover different crosses and their symbolism. Each class has been given a different cross and they have been producing excellent artwork, thoughtful explanations and large-scale replicas to share with everyone. The crosses have different stories and morals attached to them, they are hand painted by a cooperative in El Salvador and are displayed all around school.



Whenever we do a whole school activity, it's amazing to see the progression in ideas, projects and finished work, from the developing ideas in EYFS, to the in-depth vocabulary and discussions in Year 6.

We can only share a small snapshot of what has been produced in school, but needless to say, the school has been full of painting, creating, crafting and talking! It is quite a sight to behold as we move around the corridors and classrooms!



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# P.T.A. Several updates!

## facebook

The PTA would like to invite parents to join the used uniform Facebook page through the link provided. This popular page is the place to sell, seek, or donate your good condition St.

Mary's uniform items. Holding a used stock in school is not possible at this time, so please do not bring donation items to school. The lost and found in the entrance of school is filled to the brim and it is difficult to distinguish between donations and lost items, especially without names. Please join the page to pass on uniform items, cross out old names and write the current owners name in everything. Thank you!

[St. Mary's Primary School, KL Uniform Sell & Seek](#)

### 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**.

You can bring your bags at the times below, but please remember to be mindful of those dropping off and collecting children, as well as those using the pavements to walk to school. If you are dropping off your KS2 child, please try to help avoid congestion by moving on as quickly as possible, rather than waiting for the children to go in. Many thanks.

**6pm-7:30pm on Tues 2nd Nov**

**8:30am - 9am on Wednesday 3rd Nov**

**Location - Junior school layby.**



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# Danny's after-school club November – December for Year 5 and 6

Danny's Thursday after-school club will be for Year 5 and Year 6 and will focus on developing rugby skills. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the form from the link below. We will confirm your child's place before the club starts – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

[Club request form](#)

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Remembrance has been part of the fabric of our local and national history, and today it continues to unite people across all backgrounds and generations. 100 years on, our support is as vital as ever as the impact of Covid-19 continues to leave some people the Royal British Legion supports in urgent need of help. Every person, every donation and every poppy counts. To help, we will be bringing the traditional poppies around as well as the items in the photograph below. We are also planning on attending the remembrance service at church, with representatives from school laying a wreath.

Your support of this appeal is always greatly appreciated.



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