



Newsletter #8 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

Well, where do we start on the first week back?! At this stage, we would normally have enjoyed getting everyone in to school after half term and starting our new topics. Whilst the Early Years classes and Key Stage 1 have been able to make a flying start, enjoying free access to the whole of the school building, some unwelcome news from a drain inspection has caused the slightest ripple of unforeseen disruption... But in all seriousness, thank you so much for your understanding and adaptability whilst we met with Diocesan and Local Authority representatives to arrange a temporary solution. This cannot have been easy for many families and we hope that the toilet blocks we have managed to source will allow us to undertake further investigations and remedial work without any further disruption to the school community.



As a quick update on our roofing situation, the damp weather we faced over half term did have a rather negative impact on some of the rooms (in particular Mr Jones' office which will require some repairs!) but the work is back on track and everything is progressing well. We are hoping to have the scaffolding around the hall removed in the next couple of weeks, which will be a good sign of the progress being made.

As we move in to the increasingly cold and damp weather season, it is important that children have suitable clothing and footwear for school and we would suggest having a coat every day in preparation for the odd rogue shower.

We have also noticed that the snacks brought in for break time have become increasingly sweets based. We thoroughly encourage a mid-morning snack for the children, but please try to make this a healthy option, rather than chocolates, sweets and crisps. The Key Stage 1 children still get their one of their portions of fruit at this time, which we would continue to recommend as the children move through school.

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P.T.A. Update

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Bags2school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We raised £132 which will be spent on additional resources for the school.

St Mary's PTA.

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Starting on Monday, we will be selling poppies and other merchandise to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. We will also be holding a minute's silence on the 11th of November and we will be sending representatives from school to lay a wreath on Kirkby Lonsdale's war memorial during the remembrance parade on Sunday 14th November.



Bike Buddies

Karl Wakeman will be joining Year 5 and Year 4 on Friday 12th November to spend time working on friendship, cycling skills and confidence through his Bike Buddies programme. An email with all of the information came out on the 20th of October and we hope this has given time for the children to have a bit of practise at home if needed and to arrange any bike swaps or maintenance. If there are any problems, please do let us know. Year 3 and Year 6 will be having their time with Karl on Friday 26th November.



All children will need **a cycle helmet, their bike and to wear their PE kits** when taking part. As mentioned earlier, a coat is likely to be a good idea, along with gloves if it is particularly cold.

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BBC Children In Need



It's that time of year again when schools and businesses across the land take on a rather unusual appearance. On Friday, November 19th, St Mary's will be joining the rest of the country to help raise funds to change young lives across the country. This year's dress theme is the traditional spots, with/or a Strictly Come Dancing twist/sparkle. It would be great if children could bring a donation to school on the 19th, along with their *fab-u-lous* outfits.

EYFS Open morning

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**



Nursery Reception and Year 1 Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Church is hosting an afternoon tea for all parents and families of children in Nursery Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday from 1:30pm – 3pm. All are welcome and several staff members from the classes will be there to say hello. And to share some cake and tea...



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Sunday 21st
November 3.30 -
5pm at
Kirkby Lonsdale
Methodist Church

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