

Newsletter #9 - Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

I am very relieved to be able to say that it has been an exciting, enjoyable and fun week, without having to refer to a new change in our building situation. The children have been working incredibly hard and we have been fortunate enough to have several visitors coming in to see us. It was lovely to welcome so many families to our open morning and share a brief glimpse of life in school. Whilst there are still limitations on how we operate and allow people on the premises, it feels so much better to be able to allow others to see what we are doing.

We also hosted two separate groups of adults for training sessions in one of our external classrooms: the first was a collection of head teachers undertaking church school leadership training, whilst the second was a group of trainee teachers from the Ripley St Thomas teacher training course. As ever, the children did everyone proud and the feedback from both groups was just how welcoming, confident, considerate and hardworking your children are. What is even more impressive is how they are able to maintain this fantastic attitude whilst our building does its best to throw distractions their way!

And with the mention of building distractions, I must apologies for the incorrect date for the afternoon tea, hosted by the church. It was lovely to see Year 1 and Reception families there (on Thursday...) and we look forward to many more opportunities to meet and share life in our school as and when the national picture allows.

Remembrance Day

For the first time in several years, we were able to join together for our act of remembrance on the playground. After focusing on the reasons for remembrance in our collective and class worship during the week, it was a very special occasion as we listened to the last post and spent time reflecting during the minute's silence.

BBC Children In Need



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 for Children in Need to school on the 19th, along with their *a-ma-zing* outfits.

Honesty Trust Responsibility

Perseverance

Respect















P.T.A. Christmas Fair

Christmas - there, it's been said. Sorry. But, on the plus side, our PTA Christmas Fair is taking place on Thursday 9th December from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. There will be a slight change from previous years as we are aiming to have an outside Christmas market feel, but still provide many of our usual stalls.



Please start gathering prizes for tombola and chocolate tombola – the date for the mufti day for donations will be confirmed shortly. It would also be great if you were able to wash and save an empty jar with a lid to fill with Christmas treats.

Many thanks,

St Mary's PTA.

St. Mary's Primary School, KL Uniform Sell & Seek

Bike Buddies



Despite the weather doing its best to put us off, Year 4 and 5 had an amazing time with Karl Wakeman practising biking skills as part of the My Bike Buddies training. It was fantastic to see everyone, including those who were less confident on bikes, show positive attitudes and a determination to improve. This has been an excellent



opportunity to start thinking about biking and biking skills before they get to Bikeability in Year 6.





Honesty



Trust











Year 4 WW2 evacuee visit



Margaret Owen, a volunteer from Kendal Archives, visited Year 4 to talk about life as an evacuee and, in particular, those evacuees who came to Kendal in the 1940s.

They had the chance to look at different types of evidence, and how



trustworthy they are as well as trying on authentic garments of the era. This has been a fantastic opportunity to start exploring the personal stories of World War Two, before their trip to Cumbria's Museum of Military Life next Wednesday. What a lucky bunch Year 4 are!

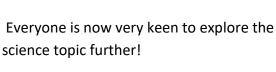
Zoo Lab visit Year 1



Year 1 were amazed by the incredible creatures brought in by Zoo Lab. The children have been learning about animals in their science topic, but nothing beats a hands-on experience! The children asked great questions, shared their interesting facts and listened politely. They were also brilliant

at supporting their friends if they were a little bit nervous when meeting the

exciting creatures.







House points this week Exceptionally close again!					
Farleton	Ingleborough	Howgill	Middleton		
422	521	520	458		





























ARNSIDE TOWER JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY RACE



SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

FIRST RACE START 11.00am REGISTRATION FROM 9.30am

A CHALLENGING CIRCUIT INVOLVING SOME OF ARNSIDE TOWER FARM EQUESTRIAN CROSS COUNTRY COURSE THAT IS... GUARANTEED TO BE FUN!

AGE CATEGORIES	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17
MAX DISTANCE	1K	2K	3K	5K	7K
AGE ON 31.12.21	6,7,8	9,10	11,12	13,14	15,16

Entrance to field parking is opposite, near to Hollins Farm entrance https://goo.gl/maps/ziM9Gbxo3iqaKZEy6

Cakes will be available to buy, but unfortunately there will not be hot drinks available on the field. Holgates is only a short walk away and adjacent to the course and serves take away drinks.



Honesty



Trust



Responsibility









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

Caring for Creation







No charge & no need to book!

★ FRIENDSHIP ★ FOOD ★ ACTIVITIES ★ FUN



Honesty



Trust



Responsibility







