

Jan 20th 2023

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year

Liverpool – Dec 2022

Newsletter

Nurturing creative thinkers

Honesty



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Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the County Finals Cross Country this week. We really appreciate the parental support which means so much and well done to those participating. We celebrated the children today in worship time, but please do reiterate this as parents from all of us at St Mary's. We are extremely proud of their achievements.

There are various children taking part in a Swimming Gala next week and I hope those taking part have the details about this event as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity and we look forward to seeing our children participating in this invitational gala.

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU), have held ballots of their members on industrial action on Wednesday 1st Feb 2023. I am writing to you today to reassure you about what might take place and what this will mean for your child. Striking is the right of every teacher who is part of a union and is a personal choice, which we respect as a school. We are committed to the right of all workers to take action and stand up for better funding, conditions and funded pay awards, whatever their sector. We also believe that our children's education should be properly funded.

It is our primary responsibility to ensure our pupils receive the highest standard of education and care. It is our feeling that the impact of this particular strike would not be felt by government but by the children, families and colleagues in our community. Following two and a half years of lockdowns, we do not wish to inflict more upheaval, cost and stress on our families or on our Teaching Assistants. As such, please rest assured that we have comprehensive plans in place should strike action go ahead to ensure your child can continue their studies. We will endeavour, where possible, regardless of national industrial action to have sufficient staff on site to welcome our children. I can confirm that Young Voices (Manchester) will go ahead as planned.

Do you or your family members have Instagram? If you do, perhaps you might want to share our Instagram account and posts with family members who may want to keep in touch with what is happening in our school. Please consider sharing our account with other groups, family or friends, to enjoy the daily life of our school. Please see our social media accounts to see the many things that have taken place already over this term.

You will see throughout the rest of this newsletter, that there are many events coming up that you may want your child

Have a good weekend. Mr Jones.

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DESIGN SCHOOL

We have been informed that there are potentially three places for this Saturday Design School at Sedbergh Prep which is an amazing opportunity. If you would like your child to apply please complete the online form below.

<https://www.sedberghschool.org/prep-news/saturday-design-school>

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=4aGPZb3zfESajaQ7EejR4MfEEs8K3W5GhOmFIOT4kpJUNlhGWkRJQU1IRlpKVjVSTkRYOUNRVtNGNS4u>



SATURDAY DESIGN SCHOOL
Design & make a mini skateboard
for future designers & engineers in Years 4 to 6

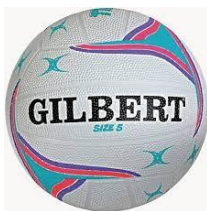


Scan here for more info & to reserve a place



DATES: Saturday 28 January & 4 February
TIME: 09:30 - 12:30
VENUE: DTE Workshop, Casterton Sedbergh Prep School, LA6 2SG
with **Mrs Victoria Thompson, Head of DTE**

Netball Club – Cancelled on Thursday 26th Jan



Next week, Danny Harper will be competing at the Ju-Jitsu European Championships in Paris. As a result, Netball Club will be cancelled next week. Apologies for this and we also wish Danny good luck. We look forward to hearing about his achievements.

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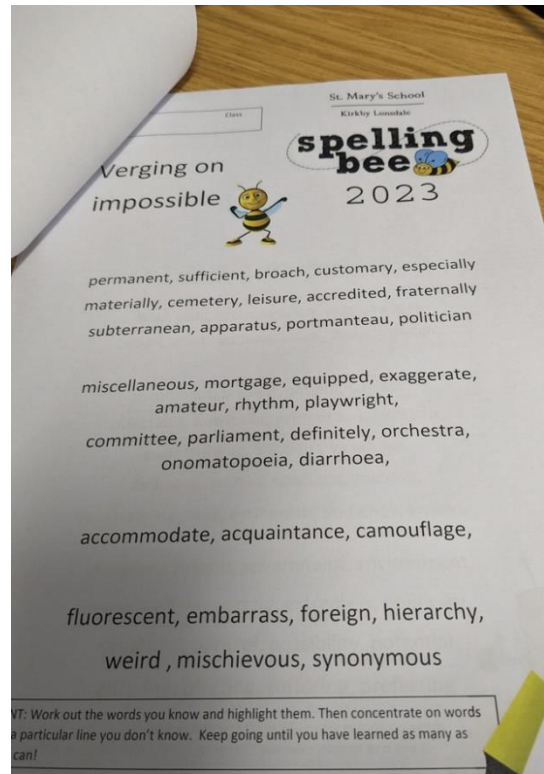


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Dear Parents,

Our annual Spelling Bee is approaching at the beginning of February and we will be sending out our spelling lists for all of the children from Reception to Year 6. We always choose January to try to improve our spellings whilst having some fun together. Children learn spellings and represent their school house on the day. This is an excellent way to try to learn some of the more tricky spellings that children are required to learn by the end of their year.

The best way to start with this is to identify words that the children can already spell, highlight these and then target spellings that are perhaps trickier to learn. A few each week will allow the children to learn these steadily and methodically. These can be learned verbally, creatively – in any way the children like to enable the spellings to be remembered.

We know various children find spellings challenging as a result of dyslexia or for other reasons. This provides a focus to say let's have a go and work on spellings and overcome some barriers. You will notice (and it will not come as a surprise) that the spellings are similar to the age expectations for that year group. By the time children get to Year 6 some children even exceed the most challenging words see in the list above.

Word List - Years 3 and 4						
accident(ally)	centre	eighth	heard	mention	possible	straight
actual(ly)	century	enough	heart	minute	potatoes	strange
address	certain	exercise	height	natural	pressure	strength
answer	circle	experience	history	naughty	probably	suppose
appear	complete	experiment	imagine	notice	promise	surprise
arrive	consider	extreme	increase	occasion(ally)	purpose	therefore
believe	continue	famous	important	often	quarter	though /
bicycle	decide	favourite	interest	opposite	question	although
breath	describe	February	island	ordinary	recent	thought
breathe	different	forward(s)	knowledge	particular	regular	through
build	difficult	fruit	learn	peculiar	reign	various
busy	disappear	grammar	length	perhaps	remember	weight
business	early	group	library	popular	sentence	woman
calendar	earth	guard	material	position	separate	women
caught	eight	guide	medicine	possess(ion)	special	



Word List - Years 5 and 6						
accommodate	category	determined	foreign	marvellous	programme	stomach
accompany	cemetery	develop	forty	mischievous	pronunciation	sufficient
according	committee	dictionary	frequently	muscle	queue	suggest
achieve	communicate	disastrous	government	necessary	recognise	symbol
aggressive	community	embarrass	guarantee	neighbour	recommend	system
amateur	competition	environment	harass	nuisance	relevant	temperature
ancient	conscience	equip	hindrance	occupy	restaurant	thorough
apparent	conscious	equipped	identity	occur	rhyme	twelfth
appreciate	controversy	equipment	immediate(ly)	opportunity	rhythm	variety
attached	convenience	especially	individual	parliament	sacrifice	vegetable
available	correspond	exaggerate	interfere	persuade	secretary	vehicle
average	criticise	excellent	interrupt	physical	shoulder	yacht
awkward	curiosity	existence	language	prejudice	signature	
bargain	definite	explanation	leisure	privilege	sincere(ly)	
bruise	desperate	familiar	lightning	profession	soldier	

Half Term Sports

Coach Gunn Spring Half Term 2023 Multi Sports & Activity Day

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing **ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE**

Tuesday 21st February 2023 @ QES Lunesdale Sports Centre, Kirkby Lonsdale (LA6 2HJ)

Open to Reception
to Y7 Boys & Girls

9am-4pm

**FREE 8am-5pm
extended hours**

£24 Full Day
£12 Half Day
(9am-12:30pm)
(12:30pm-4pm)



**Sports & Activities
including...**

Multi Sports
FUN UV Games
BOUNCY CASTLE
Floor Surfing
Supervised
FREE play
Archery & NERF
challenges
Pie Face FUN
Lego & Let's Craft
relaxing areas
...plus lots more!!!

JOIN THE TEAM Junior (ages 13-17) & Lead (ages 18+) coaching opportunities

The day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic space available indoors and outdoors at Lunesdale Sports Centre encouraging ALL attending children to have lot of #FUNwithFriends

For further information or to make a booking please contact Coach Gunn at coachmarkgunn@gmail.com

'Coach Gunn Basketball'



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We have children performing in Alice in Wonderland this year – if you are wanting to take the children to this please see details below. Very exciting!

Spellbound Theatre proudly presents:

Alice in Wonderland

taken from the book by Lewis Carroll

Written by Helen Leslie Bromley

Directed by Viv Hailwood

At The People's Hall, Sedbergh

Thurs 9th Feb. '23. 7:30pm

Fri 10th Feb. 7:30pm

Sat 11th Feb. 2:00 matinee

Sat 11th Feb. 7:30pm

Adults: £9.00

Under 18s: £6.00

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 under 18s): £25.00

(OAPs: £6:00 for Thurs 9th Feb performance only)

Tickets available from
Sedbergh Tourist Information
Centre, 72 Main St, from late
January

