

15.09.23

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



The Westmorland County Show 2023

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Dear Parents,

I would like to say the children have had a positive start this week which has been made even more special as many of the children went to The Westmorland Show. For those who went, I hope you have managed to have a conversation about the day and the highlights.

Starting school can be challenging as there are so many apps and forms to fill in. For anyone who is new to school, please keep in touch if you are not sure about anything. I hope families are able to get into a habit of reading our newsletter on Fridays which keeps you in touch with the latest news and access to clubs, event information and links for opportunities in and around Kirkby Lonsdale.

INFANT PARENTS

Just to clarify the day starts with the bell going at 08:45am (five minutes after the juniors). Following a recent situation, we are going to ask that all children and parents stay out of the classes and that the children remain on the yard until the bell/whistle goes at 8:45am. Children will be able to bring their coats and books into school then. There will be a member of staff on the yard to welcome children from the buses at 08:30am as normal. You will notice that the doors will be closed until the bell goes. It is not to be rude or unwelcoming but to ensure we know where all children are (on the yard). Thank you for respecting this and your understanding and apologies if we have printed 8:50am on a document somewhere.

Recently, some parents were encouraging children waiting for the bus or at after school club to play with their children while they waited with staff. Please can I ask parents to leave with the children if they are going home promptly and this will allow after school club and bus children to be cared for safely. (I suspect families are wanting to use the play area after school and it is causing some difficulty as we manage the children remaining in school or heading off to their buses).

Visits, School Debt, Lunches

We know that there are some families who are finding the current situation financially challenging. We want to support families by not getting into debt. Various companies are adjusting to this and ensuring they are paid and families do not build up an unmanageable debt.

We do have a huge range of exciting visits and opportunities in our school, which makes the children's experience richer and their learning is transformed. However, schools are unable to fund visits where families are unable to pay and a visit becomes unviable. As a result of this situation, when you receive a permission for a visit, we will be asking you if you are committed to contributing to pay for the visit. If you are unable to do so, we will make a decision as soon as possible, whether the visit can go ahead. We will also have a date to pay by prior to

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attending the visit. If families have committed to pay but haven't paid by this date, they will not be able to attend. We will no longer be able to be in a situation where a child attends a visit and funding is not in place.

There are various funding possibilities that families can access when they discover a visit is taking place and they are finding it challenging. Please apply to the below trust/charities:

To Apply:

Applications should normally be made in writing to:

ARNOLD GREENWOOD
SOLICITORS
8 & 10 HIGHGATE
KENDAL
CUMBRIA
LA9 4SX

Tel: 01539 720049

Email ajpeel@arnoldgreenwood.co.uk

Arnold Greenwood Solicitors can also give advice about the documentation you should provide to support your application.

The trustees usually meet three times a year to consider applications. However, it is also possible to consider urgent requests for the relief of hardship in between normal meetings.

Arnold
Greenwood
Solicitors

www.arnoldgreenwood.co.uk



You may want to consider applying to the Christopher Robins Trust

Address: 10 Main Street
Kirkby Lonsdale
CARNFORTH
LA6 2AE

Phone: 01524271841

Email: nancy1calvert@yahoo.co.uk

We are continuing to look how we can reduce the costs of visits and we are hoping to lease a school mini bus which will allow teams and some trips, to use the mini bus and reduce costs. Hopefully, this will arrive before Christmas.

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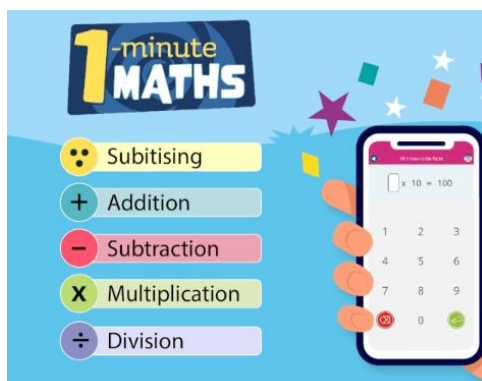


Have you downloaded these apps?

We know that everyone wants their child to succeed and wants to support them in whatever way they can. We have seen how transformative, Doodle Maths, the One Minute App, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed can improve a child's fluency in maths and spellings.

The ongoing use of these apps is part of the children's homework. I hope you feel able to support your child by allowing them to improve their learning through the apps.

Children needing to improve their speed and foundations of maths This was originally designed for Infants but there are many juniors who would benefit from improving their basic recall skills. (ideally 1 minute per day)



Children in Year 4 take a times tables assessment in June. T T Rockstars replicates this for all tables to x 12. (All children need to know their times tables to x12 by Year 4)

Doodlemaths is also paid for by school and there is an expectation this will be completed each day. (10 minutes per day) Passwords are sent home in the first two weeks of school.



Doodle maths: Parents please keep track whether your child is in the green zone and what their streak is. (Have a look with your child when they gone on) Please don't do this for the children as the app responds to the child's answers and adjusts.

T T Rockstars:– How well are they doing? What specific times table are they always finding tricky?

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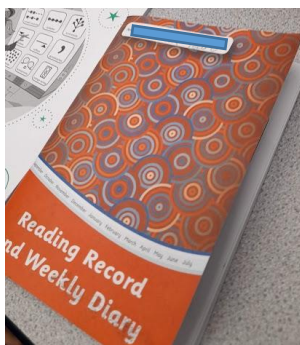
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It is always good to start the year with good habits and routines. Please can you check your child's planner regularly to see how they are doing, events or homework coming up. Please whatever year group your child is in, praise your child for their reading at home and in school. It is so motivating to know your parents care about how well you are reading and the effort and enjoyment you are putting into reading a range of books.

Vacancy

Football Coach Vacancy



Due to the popular demand of football club on Mondays we are looking for an extra coach who might want to join the coaching team. If you know anyone who would love this role, please do get in touch: 015242 71334 to discuss the role with Mr Jones or Mrs Ashton.

Clubs



Mr Fitzsimons and Team

We will be starting Football Club on the 25th Sept. Please register your interest using the following link and we will set up payments etc. very soon. £5 per session.

<https://forms.gle/7xEdu7zogEScxtDU7>

Netball Club – Additional Bookings (Join now)



Danny Harper

We have had less take up for Netball Club than expected in **Year 3 and 4** and so we have opened the club up to **Year 5 and 6** also. Please book ASAP.

<https://forms.gle/ZgSyZ96613aUuuKLA>

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Open your heart and home to make a difference

Come along to our fostering information stand at Kendal Torchlight Street Festival on **Saturday 23 September** from 10am to 4pm and speak to our friendly team and carers.

0300 013 2065

 
Working for Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council



ART & CRAFT
After School Club

Every Tuesday during school term
3.15pm to 4.20pm
Starting 12th September 2023

For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
St Mary's Primary School, Kirkby Lonsdale

- painting
- origami
- collage
- papier mâché
- crafts
- drawing
- decoupage
- teddy making
- key rings

£6 per lesson
Snack included
Pay for half a term block
Try a sample lesson for £6 before paying for your first block

Contact Jana Hopton 07591 494103 / stripycatart@hotmail.com

Mini Football Training Sessions
An introduction to playing football
open to everyone aged 5 - 7
Get into football, learn new skills and meet new friends.

Milnthorpe & District Junior Football Club



Every Monday from 18th September
5.50pm - 6.50pm
£3 per session - pay on the day

Dallam School Sports Centre
Outside 3G pitches
Milnthorpe, LA7 7DD

email: info@milnthorpejfc.org.uk For more info contact Steve on 07928 322555
www.milnthorpejfc.org.uk

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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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HARVEST



Kirkby Lonsdale

Join us Sunday 17th September at 4.30pm
Kirkby Lonsdale Methodist Church

Food- Activities-Storytelling
Totally free

Coach Gunn Autumn Half Term 2023 Multi Sports & Activity Days

Organised and led by Coach Gunn Limited providing ACTIVE TRUSTED CHILDCARE

MONDAY 23rd & TUESDAY 24th OCTOBER 2023 @ QES Kirkby Lonsdale Sports Hall (LA6 2HJ)
FRIDAY 27th, MONDAY 30th & TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2023 @ Carnforth CP School (LA5 9LQ)

Open to Reception to Y8 Boys & Girls

9am-4pm each day

FREE 8am-5pm extended hours

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

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



Sports & Activities including...

- Multi Sports
- Floor Surfing
- NERF & Archery
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- Lego & Let's Craft
- relaxing areas
- LOTS MORE FUN
- Detective, Tag & Musical Games
- UV FUN GAMES
- Supervised FREE play

...plus lots more FUN and creative activities!!!

Each day will feature the children's favourite activities delivered in a safe & secure environment making the most of the fantastic spaces available encouraging ALL attending children to have lots of #FUNwithFriends

For further information or to make a booking please contact coachmarkgunn@gmail.com / 07912 178917