

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

Honesty



Trust



Responsibility



Perseverance



Respect



Dear Parents,

We are beginning the last half term and I am sure the next seven weeks will fly by. This week already has begun with Year 6 on their annual residential visit to Hawse End and Year 2 heading off to Blackpool for the day.

I am glad that many families are using the new **Arbor App** which hopefully is beginning to centralise communication etc. Thank you to Year 6 parents for using this despite only using it for a term.

At half term we said goodbye to some children as they moved to new locations and I would also like to welcome the Mason family who have joined our school community this week.

It was wonderful to see our Reception children taking part in a wedding ceremony this week at the Methodist Church. Year 2 had a fantastic time at Blackpool despite some hungry seagulls.

Sports Day - Wednesday June 12th

Over the next few weeks we have a huge amount of special events coming up and using the app means you are kept in touch. We really hope that by also letting you know dates in advance will help you plan and keep on top of things.

Next Wednesday we have **sports day**, and of course it is forecast for cloud and rain. We will do everything to go ahead with the day but forgive us if we need to make a decision about cancelling if the rain seems too heavy.

If you are new to school, the Nursery – Year 2 have their sports day in the morning and the juniors have their competitive events in the afternoon. Our children wear **t shirts to match the colour of their house**. Please don't feel the need to go out and buy anything new for sports day. Hopefully, the children know what house they are in. New pupils will be told asap if they have not yet been informed.

Bears – Green

Lions - Yellow

Tigers – Red

Wolves - Blue

The PTA will be providing refreshments on sports day. Please do support them.

The children are choosing their events this week in preparation for the day.

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Picking up and dropping off



Following a recent review of health and safety, we will be adding traffic cones to the drive and the school staff car park. This will mean that any vehicles who have used the staff or disability spaces will not be able to move until the children have all gone. This is to protect the children and we believe it will keep the children safe. I hope you will be patient and respectful of this decision.



As part of our review, we wish to reiterate that children in Nursery – Year 2 will need to be picked up by someone who is over 18yr old after school or at after school club. This may affect some families who occasionally ask siblings to pick up the children. We are advised that children should be picked up by an adult. I hope that you will understand significance of this and the need to ensure the children are supervised and safeguarding of both the child and the person picking up the children is important.

Celebrating a wonderful achievement . . .



You may be aware that one of our pupil, Tessa in Year 3 took part in a sponsored cycle ride to raise funds for an orphanage in Pakistan. We just wanted to say how proud we are of Tessa who completed her sponsored bike ride at the weekend (an even managed an extra mile!) The final total raised is £422, which will go such a long way to helping the orphanage in Pakistan. Very well done Tessa. It is always good to see our children thinking of others!



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Congratulations



Craven - Max, Billy, George and Finlay had their big final on Sunday and after a nail biting match they won! We are very proud of them – well done.

Photographer

Just a reminder for pupils to be in full school uniform next week on Monday and Tues as the children will be having class photos taken on Monday and some on Tuesday, depending on how long it takes to complete on Monday. Reception Class are visiting Bendrigg Lodge on Monday so class photos will be on Tuesday for the Reception Class. On Tuesday, the photographer will also be taking photograph around school capturing learning throughout the day.

Date for Your Diary

Mon/Tues	10 th /11 th June	School Photographer in school
Monday	10 th June	Bendrigg Lodge Visit – Reception Class
Wednesday	12 th June	SPORTS DAY (am for Nursery-Y2, pm for Y3-6)
Thursday	13 th June	London Parliament Visit (Y6)
Tuesday	18 th June	Nursery Visit to Dalton Zoo
Thursday	24 th Jun	Y6 Kendal Fire Station
Thursday	27 th June	Year 4 Rivers Trip Year 5 Farm Visit
Friday	28 th June	Year 1 Woodland Visit
Monday	1 st July	Move Up day – New Classes and QES Visit (Y6)

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Tuesday	2 nd July	Year 1 and 2 Performance (afternoon and evening only)
Tues/Wed	9 th /10 th July	Junior Performances
Friday	12 th July	SUMMER FAIR
Wednesday	17 th July	Music Concert 1:45pm
Thursday	18 th July	Year 6 BBQ/Pizza Night
Friday	19 th July	Leavers Service (am) <i>END OF TERM – 13:05</i>

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JOIN THE PTA



Meetings once a term, totally optional, and we always keep it to less than 2 hours.

! Social evenings where we just relax and have a good evening, there's usually a pub involved here!

! Want to help but don't want to 'join' the PTA? No problem! We are setting up a WhatsApp group for those who want to help at events, even if it's just an hour on a stall, without having to be 'ON' the PTA ❤️

! Super friendly team, we have a variety of personalities, hobbies, interests, and ideas between us. We gel together really well and welcome anyone and everyone with open arms!

! Come along and help make decisions on what the funds get spent on, what events we put on and input YOUR ideas.

! Without our volunteers, THIS would never be able to happen



Autumn & Spring Terms 2023/2024

Your School Lottery £1,300	Bag 2 School £270	Christmas Fair £3,636.58
Film Night £508.71		£450

Together we raised a massive **£6,165.29**

£7,879.16 Spent to benefit the pupils of



Computer Screen £100	Y4 Online "Ask an Archaeologist" £60	KS1 Storage Shed £554.17	Y1 & Y3 Imagining History Workshop £220	Christmas Gifts YN-Y6 £240	Y5 Climbing Wall Trip £231
Musical Instruments £349	Y4 Trip to Sedburgh (in summer) £120	Hardship Fund Donation £500	YN-Y6 Yearly Contribution £1,600	Y2 & Y5 Antarctic Explorer Talk £80	Minibus Contribution £1,000
	Lego Sets £2,190	Nursery Shelving £334.99			Y1 Carnival Catwalk Workshop £300

! We use each others strengths to build the team, there's so many ways you can help, there's no commitment and we really are just grateful for whatever time you can spare

! If you would like to chat to one of us please contact:

- Jacqui Waller (y4)
- Emma Birkbeck (y5, y3)
- Lauren Ireland (y5, y3, yR)
- David Neal (y3)
- James Jupp (y2)
- Rachel Metcalfe (y1, nursery)
- Emma Lewis (yR)



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