

St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Nurturing creative thinkers . . .

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Dear Parents,

We are drawing close to the end of year and for our Year 6 children it is the last weeks of Primary School. The pace does not let up in the last few weeks in fact there is so much to fit in to the week. Last week Year 6 went to Kendal to the Fire and Police Station to take part in a citizen day, learning how to stay safe practically and online. These activities built upon on our teaching about online safety and discussing parent monitoring of online access as well as keeping safe strategies. This is the perfect week to send out our online safety letter which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Our Year 5 children have had the opportunity to enjoy and learn about farm life which takes place every two years. What an amazing experience it was exploring the diverse range of farming skills and produce. It was a superb opportunity to understand the importance of farming and understand how our food is produced.

Year 1 were taken to St Catherine's Wood this week to immerse them in forest skills and have a peaceful and creative day in the woods. This was a special opportunity to dovetail all of the skills they have learned over the past few years and venture away from the school grounds.

Year 3 completed their swimming lessons this week and it has been to our good relationship with Sedbergh Preparatory School, that we have been able to offer more swimming lessons than ever before this year. The children have risen to the challenge had have perfected their swimming strokes or for some, begun their swimming journey and we hope to continue with lessons straight away in Sept.

MOVE UP MORNING

Transitions days are very important to help our children prepare for next year. As we look to the next week, parents will be taking their children to their secondary schools on Monday morning and we will be having our move up day also. This will be a chance to get to know their new teacher. You will be mindful that we have moved our staff around this year. It has been lovely to hear from the children many of whom have said how much they are looking forward to meeting their new teacher. I hope that you have had an opportunity to talk through with your child, who their new teacher is, in anticipation of tomorrow.

PERFORMANCES

Each year we have to limit tickets despite the appetite for more tickets, due to the limits on seating for both the Infant and Junior performances. We do appreciate your understanding with working with each other to share/swap tickets. The most important thing to mention is that even if you are not attending a performance, could you please ensure the children attend all performances as it spoils the show if children don't turn up on certain shows.

MUFTI DAY

At the end of the week we will be having our annual mufti day in anticipation of the summer fair on the 12th July. Please see our poster later in the newsletter to let you know what to bring to school to support the Summer Fair.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, understanding and positivity as we move towards the end of what has been a very busy and full school year.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones

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Mufti Day Donations

Friday 5th July 2024

Nursery & Year 4

Games Books
Socks Candles
Smellies
Toys

Tombola prizes



Reception & Year 5 Lucky Dip prizes

Little toys
Fidget toys
Stationery



Year 1 & Year 3 Small bags of sweets

Haribo
Chewy sweets
lollipops



Year 2 & Year 6

Smelly sets Gift Vouchers
Wine Hampers
Fizz
Gift sets

Raffle Prizes



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Doodle Summer Challenge Registration

Dear Parents – The much anticipated Summer Challenge is around the corner and I know many families like to sign up for the challenges. Please remember to also sign up for the certificate and badge too – a process some families forget to do.



The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July – 31st of August

Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July -31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting aquatic-themed Summer Challenges — the **DoodleMaths Challenge** and **DoodleEnglish Challenge**!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged over the summer and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

How to take part

1 Create and/or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of July, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press Register for the Challenge next to your child's name for one of both Challenges.* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or 600 if they were born on or after 01/09/16) and use **DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 14 days*** between the 1st of July - 31st of August.

*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

4 Claim your pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, claim their rewards by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and press Claim reward. The last chance to do this is midnight on the 31st of August. Your child's rewards will be sent to their school once the Challenge has come to an end.



Tag us and use the hashtag **#DoodleSummerChallenge**

For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions? Please visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

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Junior Play Tickets Notifications



Thank you for ordering your tickets for the Junior play. We hope you have managed to book via the Arbor App.

[Not sure if you have booked?](#) Please have a look in your child's profile on **Arbor** in **INVOICES** and then **PAYMENTS** and your confirmation is there.

School Books Amnesty



We are calling for parents to check if there are any school books in their homes and to please send these in before summer break so that we can organise our bookshelves ready for next year.

Please send the books to the school office for distribution around school. Many Thanks!

EYFS CLASS REQUEST FOR ALL PARENTS

EYFS Resources Request



We would welcome any donations of 'out of date' or unwanted ingredients from your kitchen cupboards please! They will not be eaten but used to enhance our provision in the Early Years. Requested items: Pasta, flour, rice, noodles, spaghetti, pulses, tea bags, coffee, cereals, salt etc.

Any unwanted farm toys would also be appreciated please.

Please hand them into the school office or directly to Nursery/Reception.

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Thursday 27th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following a recent attendance review I am pleased to inform you that your child's school clearly recognises the importance of excellent attendance and they have robust systems in place to support and challenge attendance concerns.

However, the review did identify that there has been an increasing trend of term time holiday requests this academic year. This letter therefore serves as a formal reminder of your legal duty to ensure regular attendance at school.

Term time holiday absences will not be authorised by the school except under exceptional circumstances, which means you may be guilty of an offence under Section 444 (1) or Section 444 (1A) of the Education Act 1996. The maximum penalty for these offences is a fine of £2,500, 3 months imprisonment or both. Alternatively, the Local Authority/School may choose to impose a Section 444A Fixed Penalty Notice in the order of a fine instead of prosecuting for the offences given above.

Currently the amount of the fixed penalty notice is £60.00 if paid within 21 days. It raises to £120 if it is not paid by 21 days, but it is within 28 days. Failure to pay a penalty notice will result in prosecution except in limited circumstances. Please note that the fixed penalty notice is issued for each child and is issued to each parent/carer separately.

From the 19th August 2024, under new attendance legislation, the above fixed penalty notice amount is due to increase.

I therefore urge you to give your full cooperation to your wonderful school staff, who are working hard to ensure that your child receives an outstanding education.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Morton

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Inclusion Officer (Attendance),
Westmorland and Furness Council

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