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St. Mary's

Church of England Primary School
Kirkby Lonsdale



Merry Christmas

Honesty



Trust



Responsibility



Perseverance



Respect



Dear Parents and Carers,

As the year draws to a close, a sense of anticipation fills the air, much like the night before Christmas. It's a time for reflection, gratitude, and the promise of new beginnings. And as we look back on this year, I'm filled with warmth and appreciation for your wonderful and generous support.

Your dedication to your child's education is truly inspiring. By reading to them, encouraging their curiosity, and reinforcing essential skills like spelling and times tables, you're laying the foundation for a bright future. Your efforts, coupled with the tireless work of our dedicated staff, create a harmonious blend that enriches our school community. Please do continue this support and help our children achieve the best they possibly can.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our wonderful PTA. Your generosity and hard work have been instrumental in providing our school with essential resources and enriching experiences for our students. Your support has directly benefited our children, and we are incredibly grateful for your contributions.

I'm also filled with a sense of gratitude for our exceptional staff. Their passion and commitment to our students are truly inspiring. They go above and beyond, often dedicating extra time and effort to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education.

As we bid farewell to Mrs. Day and Mrs. Claire Davies MBE, we want to acknowledge their significant contributions to our school community over the past 20 years. Their dedication to our students and their dedicated commitment to excellence have left an enduring legacy. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

We understand that this time of year can be both joyous and challenging. We are committed to supporting our families, and we are providing food packages and financial assistance to those who are in particular need. Our goal is to ensure that every child experiences the magic of Christmas, regardless of their circumstances.

Are you visiting relatives in this country or travelling abroad this Christmas break? We are encouraging families to discuss the country or county they are in so that the children can discuss their travels when they return. It will be lovely to hear about the places and people they have seen over Christmas.

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May your Christmas be filled with love, laughter, and peace.

With warmest wishes,

Mr Jones

Doodle Maths – Streak Saver

Have a look at this link if you would like to use the streak saver function on doodle maths.

Streak Saver

<https://help.doodlelearning.com/en/articles/9208284-streak-saver>

Have you registered for the Winter Challenge? Why not register now!



Earn seasonal rewards by Doodling 'little and often'!

Between the 1st – 24th of December, our famous Winter Calendar is returning to DoodleMaths and DoodleEnglish!

Designed to encourage a few minutes of daily learning, joining the fun is a great way to keep your child motivated and engaged over the holidays.

Most excitingly, if they open all the calendar doors, they'll receive an exclusive festive virtual badge!

Applications



Just a reminder to make sure you apply for Reception Class places **before Jan 15th**.

All applications for YR-6 are via this email:

school-admissions@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk (If you live in Cumbria)

or <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school> (If you live in Yorkshire)

or <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> (If you live in Lancashire)

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House Captain's reports. . .

Our Sports Leaders wrote a note for our newsletter this week.

On Wednesday afternoon (Dec 11th), a few of our Year 1 students attended a Christmas Multi-Skills event at Lancaster and Morecambe College. The kids had a lot of fun playing snowball dodgeball and building snowmen out of hoops and other materials. Hot Christmas pudding (hot potato) was another game they really enjoyed. Thank you for taking the children, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Sutcliffe.



From The Year 6 House Captains.

To collect money for St John's Hospice, every class in the school came together and participated in an incredible Reindeer Rush on a rainy, muddy, wet Wednesday. For half an hour, we ran, walked, and slipped through the muddy terrain—even the teachers got involved. Everyone had a good time in the mud, however some people may have had too much fun. We apologise to the parents for the muddy clothes the teachers did try to hose us down outside. The children thought it was fantastic, enjoyable, and dirty, and we all agree that it was a great experience. Seeing the bigger kids assist the smaller ones in navigating the designated route was fantastic.



From Year 6 House Captains.

Dates for Next Year.

- **INSET DAY (staff only – Monday 6th January)**
- **School starts – Tuesday 7th January**
- **Clubs start week beginning 13th January**

*Cross Country at Casterton, Sedbergh Prep is on Wednesday 8th Jan (children have been informed)

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Subjects for next Term					
Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Fairy Tales Traditional Tales	Great Fire of London	Countries on the Meridian Line	Ancient Maya	Ancient Egypt	World Trade/Fair Trade



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