

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



25th September 2018

Newsletter Autumn 3

Oxenholme Lane,
Natland, Kendal,
Cumbria, LA97QH
Telephone: 015395 60719
Fax: 015395 61769
e-mail: admin@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk
website: www.stmarksschoolnatland.co.uk
Headteacher: **Peter Barfoot**

Dear Parents

Heating Upgrade Update

The heating upgrade work is progressing well. New pipework has already been installed in the corridor behind the kitchen and through the Year 4 classroom. Class teachers are having to wait until instructed before being able to plan for time out of the classroom as the contractors cannot be sure how long work in each room will take. Years 4 and 5 were able to visit the woodlands at Larkrigg Spring today. We are hoping to make the most of the opportunities we will have to learn outside the classroom. We will keep you posted !

Christian Values Focus

Our Christian Values focus this term is **endurance**. We are going to include perseverance and resilience alongside endurance to help the children understand every aspect of keeping going, standing strong and bouncing back in the face of whatever life throws at us. This is particularly important in a school context as many children find it hard to push through initial setbacks and turn a negative experience into a positive. As you will have seen from our Home School Agreement, sent out last week, we are trying to encourage children to learn from their mistakes and accept (and even enjoy) the challenges that learning in school presents. Please help us, and them, by encouraging your children to put the effort in, enjoy the challenge and learn from any mistakes they make along the way. *Please return signed copies of the Home School Agreement to the office asap.*

Autumn Poetry on the Post Tree: Poems Wanted !

We saved the tree from last year's EYFS & KS 1 summer production and it now stands outside the office as our 'Poet Tree'. We plan to use it to celebrate the seasons as they change throughout the year. We are asking if as many children as possible could find a poem, or write their own poem, about Autumn. We can then hang them from the branches of the Poet Tree for everyone to read.

Please could all poems be hand written on A5 sized paper (half of A4 !) and handed into the school office by Friday 12th October.

Class Meetings

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended the first round of Class Meetings. We were delighted that so many people came and plan to repeat the meetings at the beginning of each school year.

Angel Fest: St Mark's Church 27th and 28th September

St Mark's Church is celebrating everything to do with 'Angels' at the end of the week. There will be a range of displays and activities on offer until 5.00 p.m. on both Thursday and Friday afternoons. Parents are encouraged to visit with their children after school. Refreshments will be provided.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot
Headteacher

