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Newsletter 1 Spring 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year !

I trust that everyone had a relaxing, refreshing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday. The spring term has started well. I am sure you would join me in saying a huge thank you to Mr Walker who works hard each holiday to clean the school and make sure that everything is ready for the start of every new term.

Staffing Update

Welcome to Mrs Watson who has joined our team of Classroom Support Staff and will be working each morning, mainly in Year 3.

Sporting Success

We can already celebrate sporting success in 2019, as Kate Collin in Year 6 ran in the County Cross Country Championships at Hunter Hall School in Penrith last week. She came second in her age group. Congratulations Kate !

Well done to all our competitors who took part in the South Lakeland District Cross Country Trials yesterday. Everyone who ran showed great spirit and determination in completing the demanding course. Congratulations to Kate Collin (1st in her age group), Neve Blamire and Aaliyah Pearson who all qualified for the Cumbria Schools Cross Country Championships on 11th February.

Christian Values Focus: Forgiveness

Having concentrated on endurance last term, our focus moves to forgiveness this winter and spring. A central part of Christian teaching, forgiveness is at the heart of God's character and vital to all human endeavour. The ability to forgive ourselves and others is the key to fruitful and happy lives and relationships. We will explore what the bible and other wisdom literature teaches about forgiveness and try to apply it in our learning and the way we live with each other in school and beyond.

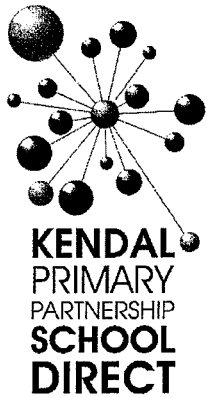
Spring Term Topics

Along with this newsletter you should receive information about the cross-curricular topics your children's classes will be enjoying this term. *Please note: Year 5 will be continuing with the two topics they began last year, with new topics beginning at the end of February.*

We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Barfoot
Headteacher



Interested in Teaching?



Join Pippa Leslie and Rachel Esposito at Kendal Library on Monday 21st January 2019. Drop in anytime from 12:30pm until 4:30pm if you would like to find out more about training in Kendal.

www.kendalprimarypartnership.org

Email Rachel resposito@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2019

Please note the Easter holiday dates are different to those on the Cumbria County Council website.

2019 Spring Term

Return to School	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Break for half-term	Friday 15 February 2019
Return to School	Monday 25 February 2019
Break for Easter	Friday 5 April 2019

2019 Summer Term

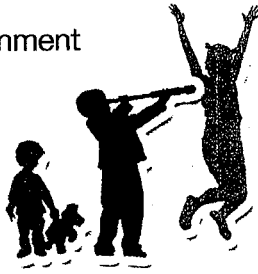
Return to School	Tuesday 23 April 2019
Monday Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May 2019
Break for half-term	Friday 24 May 2019
Return to School	Monday 3 June 2019
Break for Summer	Thursday 18 July 2019





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Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age
0-11
Or 16 if disabled

Get up to
£2000 per child
For working families

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Age
0-15

Claim back up
to **85%** of costs
For working families

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Age
0-15
Or 16 if disabled

Claim back up
to **70%** of costs
For working families

TAX CREDITS

AVAILABLE IN UK

... **can** be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age
2

For families getting
certain government
support

15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Age
3&4

For all families

15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Age
3&4

For working families

30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

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