

St. Mark's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

LIGHTING UP THE NATLAND NIGHT – Thank you for your support for this great community event. We managed to find a break in the rain and stayed dry throughout. Well done to the dancers from St Mark's and Appletree Schools and to all those who made and decorated lanterns.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2017 – 'BOXES OF HOPE' CUMBRIA

106 shoe boxes from school and St Mark's Church are now on their way to Romania. Thank you once again for your support for this very worthwhile charity.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY POLICY

Meeting for Parents Thursday 23rd November 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Our SEND policy is reviewed annually and we would value your input. Please take this opportunity to meet with Mrs Outhwaite a member of our Governing Body, Mrs Mukerji our current SENDCo and Mrs Hardy our new SENDCo, to discuss anything you would like to see included in, or explained about, our SEND policy. Refreshments will be available.

STAFFING

As previously advised Mrs Mukerji is leaving at the end of this term to train on work in the Waldorf-Steiner family of schools. Mrs Mukerji has been a long serving teacher, Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator and part of the senior management team for many years. We would like to everyone to join us for tea and cakes and to say goodbye to Elspeth on Monday 18 December 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. in the School Hall. Cards and donations towards a leaving gift can be left at the school office.



Please let the school office know if you are able to provide a cake - it would be very much appreciated.

As a parting gift to the school Mrs Mukerji has sourced 60 sapling trees from the Woodland Trust and organised for them to be planted in the school grounds on Friday 24th November. There are 20 each of three species: Silver Birch, Wild Cherry and Rowan. We have taken advice from Chestnut Events (our partners in developing the Hidden Haven for the last six years) and they, together with a number of local volunteers, will work with all children (except Year 6) to plant the trees on Friday. The PTA has agreed to pay for Chestnut Events involvement, expertise, loan of tools etc.

All children will need a pair of wellingtons or walking boots in school on Friday.

Yours sincerely,

P. Barfoot
Headteacher

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR: 5.00 – 6.30 p.m. Thursday 14 December. Please note on this evening **MOSAICS** after school club will finish at 5.00 p.m.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday	24 November	Y6 ASSEMBLY/GREEK DAY TREE PLANTING DAY (YR – Y5)	9.10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Family and Friends welcome Please bring wellies
Week commencing Monday	27 November	Y6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING	
Wednesday	29 November	Y4 and Y5 PETER PAN PERFORMANCE	Kendal College – The Box Theatre
Friday	1 December	Y5 CLASS ASSEMBLY	2.45 p.m. WW2 Tea Dance Family and Friends welcome
Friday	8 December	Y3 CLASS ASSEMBLY MUFTI DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR	9.10 a.m. Family and Friends welcome In preparation for the Christmas Fair we are asking for a raffle/ tombola prize or 'Secret Santa' gift in exchange for the children being able to wear clothes of their own choice to school
Monday	11 December	RECEPTION CLASS NATIVITY PHOTOGRAPH	The Westmorland Gazette photographer will be in school
Tuesday	12 December	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER	More details to follow Please complete the slip below
Wednesday	13 December	SCHOOL CHOIR @ KENDAL CARE HOME	2.00 p.m.
Thursday	14 December	ALADDIN PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR	10.15 a.m. The Dukes Lancaster 5.00 – 6.30 (more details to follow) Please note MOSAICS after school care will finish at 5.00 p.m.
Friday	15 December	YEAR 5 VISIT TO IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM NORTH	More details to follow
Monday	18 December	CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CELEBRATION	2.00 p.m. St. Mark's Church 6.30 p.m. St. Mark's Church
Tuesday	19 December	CHRISTMAS PARTIES CAROLS AROUND THE TREE SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK	Morning with party food for lunch 12.45 p.m. 1.30 p.m.
Thursday	4 January 2018	SPRING TERM 2018 BEGINS	

CHRISTMAS LUNCH – TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

My child / children would like / would not like to have Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 12th December. I enclose £2.60 for each child in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. No payment for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (universal free school meals)

Signed..... (parent/carer)

MRS MUKERJI'S LEAVING TEA – MONDAY 18th DECEMBER

I can provide a cake or tray bakes for Mrs Mukerji's Leaving Tea.

Name: _____ Child's Year Group: _____