



# Newsletter



DECEMBER 2023

## **DON'T FORGET THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM**

**Down Oxenholme Lane and up Helm Lane 8:45-9:15 and 3:15-3:45.**

Thank you to all of you already doing this...it is really making a difference



**Reception Nativity starts  
at 1:45 on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – join  
us for mince pies  
afterwards (not before as**

**If you would like your child  
to receive milk every day at  
school (Y1 upwards) please  
follow instructions below:**

Register and pay online at

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

You can pay Cool Milk online in half-  
termly, termly or annual  
instalments. Please pay by a  
Tuesday at 5pm for your child's  
milk to start the following week



**Christmas Service  
and Christingle in the  
Natland Church 1:30  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Featuring some of our  
talented musicians as  
well as a contribution  
from every class  
(except Reception).

Come and join us for a  
festive end of term  
event.

### EASY FUNDRAISING APP



**Click on this QR  
code when  
purchasing online  
this Christmas and  
help raise money  
for St Mark's.**

**We are in need of a school governor**

**If you are interested, please contact**

[chair@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:chair@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)



Please be aware:

- We are worried about people driving too fast up Helm Lane where children and families walk.
- We are worried about children left in cars when the engine is running

**Are your children's clothes labelled??**



**Help us! We are drowning under piles of unnamed clothes**

## Communicating with school

**Parent's Evenings:** Thanks to everyone who embraced our new parent's evening system. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response. One piece of feedback we did have was that the slots were perhaps a minute too short. I wanted to explain that we have made them as long as is possible to fit all parents in over two evenings, so as much as we would like to lengthen the time, we can't fit it in any other way. I hope you understand.

**If you need a chat at any time over the year,** please call the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher and we will do our best to meet, or call you, as soon as possible.

**Teachers are now bringing children out at the end of school,** so do please catch them then if you need a quick chat.

**New class email addresses** for communicating with the staff team in that class. This includes teachers and teaching assistants:

[Class1@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class1@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

[Class2@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class2@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

[Class3@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class3@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

[Class4@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class4@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

[Class5@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class5@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

[Class6@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Class6@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

**Please note: Reception class already have, and use, Tapestry.**

Please note:

**Teachers will **only** be able to check these mailboxes at the start and end of the day.** If you require an urgent response then please continue to contact the school office on:

[admin@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk)

## Baby Basics Reverse Advent Calendar

Baby Basics collects, and donates, all the things a new mother might need when their baby is born. We are collecting items to donate in December. If you are able to donate, please send in any items with your child on the following dates. Thank you so much:

Nursery and Reception 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 1 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Dec,

Year 2 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 3 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 4 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 5 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Year 6 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Together we can give new and expectant mothers in need some hope this Christmas**

St Mark's PTA presents...

# CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT



**THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER**  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:45PM (FILMS START AT 6PM)  
PICK UP TIME: 7:45PM  
COST: £5 INCLUDING DRINK AND SNACK  
BOOKING INFO COMING SOON VIA SCHOOL EMAIL

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO BRING TEDDIES AND BLANKETS  
AND COME IN PJS, ONESIES, FESTIVE WEAR IF THEY WISH

*The hall will be open for parents should you want  
to stay and enjoy some festive refreshments!*

Please help us by  
clicking the link below  
to tell us if you are  
coming or not and to  
choose your film

[https://forms.office.com  
/e/VXmVF65LhF](https://forms.office.com/e/VXmVF65LhF)

Please ensure you have paid all the money you owe on school money no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of every month – it would really help us.

Thank you

**IMPORTANT DATES**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 6 Wreath Making in the Church
4 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Baby Basics South Lakes (see above in newsletter for details)
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Craft day and Elf Run (£1 donation to St John's Hospice)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day (£1 for Save the Children)
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 to Panto in Lancaster
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Film Night and Parent's social (PTA event)
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception to Year 4 trip to see the Jungle Book at Kendal College
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch - please book this special lunch on School Hub
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents invited for a mince pie and drinks <u>at the end of</u> the Reception Nativity performance at 1:45pm (Please note the change of time for a drink and mince pie)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Coffee Morning 9:00-10:30am(PTA event)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas service and Christingle in the Church 1:30 (Years 1-6 performing) – We would love to see

	you all at the Church for a festive end of term. Collection for charity
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties – all classes in the morning
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols around the Tree and raffle at 1:00pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term at 1:30pm <b>MOSAICS available from 1:30-3:30pm</b>