

# January 2024

# Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope that everyone managed to have a break over the holidays. The children are back in school, ready for a new term.

The internet at school has been down all week and caused a lot of issues. It is up and running again today so hopefully, things will be a lot smoother next week,.

# **Spare Clothes**

We are in need of spare underwear, socks and tights for the infants. Please could any spare clothes that your child has borrowed, be returned to school. If anyone has some infant sized underwear, socks or tights that are no longer needed, we would be very grateful.

## Start of the school day

Could I remind everyone that the school doors open at 8.40am and the register is taken at 8.55am. Children must be in school by 8.55am; if they arrive after this time, they are recorded as late in the register.

Please let the office know if your child is absent for any reason.

## **Friends of Church Walk**

The Friends of Church Walk are in desperate need of some new members. Most of the parents who were on the committee have moved on as their children have gone to secondary school. We rely on the fundraising that the Friends do to provide some of the extras that the children have in school, such as contributions towards trips, presents from Santa, new books for the library etc.

It doesn't have to be a big commitment, just a willingness to organise or help at a few fundraising events during the year.

If you are interested in helping out , please contact me to discuss further.

'Teach children how they should live and they will remember it all their lives'











## Winter Weather

In icy weather, the paths will be gritted between the gates, the ramp and the main entrance to school The rest of the playground is too big an area to treat all at once, so it may be slippery. The coloured play surface is particularly dangerous in frosty weather and will be coned off.

#### Swimming

Juniors will go swimming this term, Newlands class will go this half term on Thursdays and Springfield will go after half term.

## Reindeer Run

We had a very successful Reindeer Run last month; the final amount raised for Jigsaw Children's Hospice has not been confirmed yet but the latest total was over  $\pounds 650$ . Thank you very much to everyone who donated.

## St Mary's Hospice

The money that we collected from donations for St Mary's Hospice, at the Nativity plays, was a total of £300. Thank you very much.

# Street Tag

We have won a third trophy in the Active Cumbria Street Tag challenge. Church Walk came first in the small school category. The way that Street Tag is organised is changing from this term. There will be a lot of different organisations that can form teams, not just schools. If you would like to join the Church Walk team, please see the attached details of how to download the app.

# After School Clubs

Some after school clubs will be starting next week. Year 5 and 6 Lego League starts on Monday Springfield Gymnastics starts on Tuesday Newlands football Club on Wednesday Hoad Wildlife Challenge Club on Thursday Other clubs will start in the following weeks. Details of any new clubs will be sent out by the staff.

Dates for this term, so far.

Monday 8th JanuaryYear 5 go to UVHS for Science session 11am—12pmThursday 11th JanuaryNewlands class go swimming.Wednesday 24th JanuaryTheatre company to visit school for a pantomime.Monday 12th February to Friday 16th FebruaryHalf termThursday 28th MarchSchool finishes for Easter holidays.