

March '25

Emerging from the dark winter evenings, Spring brings light, renewed hope and an increasingly busy diary! The journeys to school are a sunny bonus to the day and our pupils regularly gather in groups from across the village to enjoy a sociable 'stroll' to school with friends. Always a joy – as long as they get there on time!

The season of Lent was duly celebrated with a wonderful community pancake party organised by the Christians Together team. I would like to extend a thank you to all involved – the pupils loved it. Several members of staff also attended the 'Feast before the Fast' supper with members of St James' Church to enjoy a delicious meal. The surprise quiz was a tough one but it certainly helped focus the mind whilst enjoying a chat with friends. Our end of term Easter celebrations are fast approaching and the 'Stations of the Cross' community walk is a super, whole school event which links all the churches in Arnside with readings, songs, quiet reflection, and joyous celebration.

Our recent Book Week activities were a huge success and the pupils embraced author visits, live lessons, and reading sessions with heartwarming enthusiasm. The joy of literature is promoted throughout the school, from library clubs to class novels, shared reading to book promotions; a love for the written word forms an integral part of our school vision. FOANS organised a fantastic reading challenge and the pupils embraced a whole host of sponsored tasks. Reading upside down was popular and our beloved pets and teddies enjoyed a story or two throughout the week. In total, £553 was raised which will all be spent on new books for the ever-expanding library.

The pupils are looking forward to a range of sporting and adventure activities, and the forthcoming rugby match with Storth Primary looks set to be a tense, local derby. The infants are extremely excited to be taking part in a cluster athletics festival hosted by Dallam School and our swimmers will soon be attending the South Lakes Inclusive Gala – an opportunity for all pupils to enjoy the thrill of competition, regardless of individual need or disability. Good luck to all involved.

"It's not a disability; it's a different ability." Robert Hensal

Our charity focus this half term is Red Nose Day and pupils have been tasked to 'Wear something Wacky' in exchange for a small donation. Inside out, back to front, bright colours or over-sized, anything goes!! The Ethos Team and Mrs Pearce have also planned a series of Easter fundraising activities including egg decoration, egg and spoon racing and egg rolling, where all proceeds will go towards our young Bengali friend, Dipto, who the school are sponsoring through a scheme called Compassion UK. Miss Morris and Year 6 are also busy preparing for the next Dignity in Dementia dance session at the WI hall. But the question is, can anyone top the solo Jailhouse Rock performance from our very own mini Elvis, Evan? All eyes on Year 6...

Take care, Mr Sharp