



Dear Parents and Carers,



## **Eco Hub Visit and Appeal**

On Tuesday, four pupils from Class Four spent the afternoon at Queen Katherine's School in Kendal. The group learnt about the amazing work the Queen Katherine's Eco Hub are doing to protect the environment. The pupils helped to process bottle tops and pens ready for recycling. The group also explored the school garden and learnt about how we can help the wildlife that lives in and around our school grounds.

The group were that inspired from their visit that they would like to help Queen Katherine's collect bottle tops and old pens. If anyone has any old pens that no longer work or used plastic bottle tops please send them into school.

### **STEM Week**

Starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating STEM Week. The pupils will be taking part in a range of activities and lessons linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We already have a host of organisations and individuals booked to come into school to work with our pupils that week, but it would be great to involve our school community. If you know of anyone who would be interested to come into school and talk to a class about their profession or hobby that links to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths please get in touch.

#### **Prayers**

In Class Two the pupils are really enjoying learning about prayer in RE. The pupils have learnt about the significance of prayer and how different religions pray. The pupils learnt that Christians talk to God through prayer. It was great to welcome a school parent into class earlier in the term to learn about Islamic prayer.



#### **School Cook**

We are currently advertising for a school cook. If you are interested or you know of someone who might be interested please direct them to the link below. Please find an application form attached to the newsletter email.

https://cumbria.gov.uk/jobsandcareers/schooljobdetails.asp?Ref%20No=16169

I hope you all have wonderful half term holidays and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

#### **Key Dates**

Event	Date
Break up for Half Term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Class Three Residential Visit	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March
World Book Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Return Slips for Kirkbie Kendal Open Evening	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Mothers' Day gift stall in school	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA movie night	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

# **PTA Notes**

## World Book Day Book Sale! Thursday 2nd March 1.30 to 3.45

- On World Book Day the PTA will be running a second hand book sale accompanied by 'The Hungry Caterpillar Cafe'.
- Please donate books that you think are great but you no longer read and other families can buy and enjoy! Donation box on story stage.
- Sarah, Owen and Simin running this but more helpers very welcome and parents to drop in for 'Stay and Read'.

### **Mothers Day Stall Thursday 16th February**

- We will be running our well loved Mothers Day Gift stall on Thursday the 16th March, where children can buy from a range of gifts.
- Please continue to bring in any unwanted gift items from home the Donation Box is in the storytelling shelter.
- Thanks to PTA members Jen and Owen for organising this event.

# Movie Night Thursday 23rd March (movie tbd)

- Sarah Bainbridge is leading this movie night but needs 2 parent helpers please
- We will choose a movie that is book related

And Finally......Don't Forget to Vote (we are now the lead charity but lets keep that!)

### Asda Green Token Challenge: Please vote weekly

Please follow the link and vote for our PTA to get funds from Asda to provide books for the school library.

The first prize is £500, second, £400 and third £300 so we will win either way! We need to go online to vote only and everyone has a vote per week!! Until April 30th.

I have just checked the stats and we are joint second prize at the moment all votes will increase our donation.

Please vote now!

https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4943

Thanks to Harriet for building this relationship with Asda.

# **School Applications**

# **Nursery applications for 2023**

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023 January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

# **School Year dates 2022-23**

# Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half Term Holiday: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

# Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half Term Holiday: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June