



FRIDAY 29th of APRIL 2022

I have really enjoyed spending more time in school this week and spending more time with the children. The children are wonderful, full of character, determination, fun and they are all very happy.

I know you will all be supporting your children and are probably already following the suggestions below, and please do share any additional thoughts or ideas as it is great to be able to pass on advice and support from one parent to another:

- Please try to avoid late nights during SATs week
- Talk about the SATs and tell them to try hard and put as much effort in as possible - it is their time to shine, as a school we will also be saying the same, and it always makes a bigger impact if we do this together
- Keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as SATs tests
- Play mental games when you are on the way home whether you are walking or driving. Playing card games, Uno, Monopoly and dominoes all help with Maths. Whereas games like hangman, Boggle or Scrabble will support with literacy
- Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days

The most important thing is to give your child lots of praise, the best praise is when you tell them how hard they have worked or tried. If they feel they have not got a good score in their practices, the important word here is 'yet', they haven't got a good score yet!

We have celebrated a wealth of 'good' work in our assembly this afternoon and recognised our pupil's resilience and efforts. Our children work very hard and we will be holding a pupil showcase event on the 6th June so you will be able to see your child/rens work and their progress.

As a school and a community, we are planning to hold a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the afternoon of Monday 6th June. More information will follow but we plan to have a lovely celebration with afternoon tea and this will follow our pupil showcase event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sophie McCabe.

CALENDAR

02/05/22

Early bank Holiday

09/05/22

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS

Please try to make sure your child attends school

10/05/22

Hindu Workshop

w/c 23/05/22

Monday-Friday

Swimming lessons

Year1-Year6

06/06/22

Year 1 Phonics screening

06/06/22

For 3 weeks-

Year 4 Timetable tests

WRAP

After school WRAP provision closes at:

4:30pm everyday.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to offer the extra 5pm finish.

All WRAP sessions **MUST** be booked in advance using the email:

wrap.arlecdon@westlakesmat.org.uk

ATTENDANCE

REC – 98.33%

YR1 – 100%

YR2 – 100%

YR3 – 95%

YR4 – 100%

YR5 – 95.56%

YR6 – 100%

W/S – 98.44%

SPORTS CLUB

This half term starting 04.05.22

Sports' Club will be on a Wednesday from 15.15 to 16.30 in school.

To help plan we are asking that pupils are signed up for the full half term

(4 consecutive weeks beginning 04.05.22).

This half term's Sports' Club will be open to pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.

Places will be on a first come first served basis, as places are limited.

Payment will secure your child's place.

Payment is for the full 4 weeks (£18 total) and is non-refundable.

Pupil's placed on the reserve list will be offered a place first on the next block session.

Letters were handed out this week with a permission slip on the back, please use this to sign your child up to Sports' Club and return it to the School Office.



EYFS- New Topic



This week we have begun our new topic on Dinosaurs. We are very excited because Miss McCabe has asked us to become experts in the study of Dinosaurs so we can then share our knowledge with the older children. This will take us a few weeks to research and learn about different types of dinosaurs but we are very excited about the challenge.

To start we looked at some books to see if we could use some information from the pictures. Mrs Finlay chose her favourite book *Lifesize Dinosaurs* to share with the class and we began to look at dinosaur eggs.



This linked to our maths focus of size as some of the eggs were longer than the others, some were wider and some were quite small. The book shows us the actual size of the eggs. We then began to create our own models of dinosaur eggs using our skills with rolling and shaping dough to create an egg shape around a dinosaur model. Finally we painted the eggs using fine paintbrushes dipped in food colouring. Watch out for more of our dinosaur studies.

GOOD WORK ASSEMBLY



Each week children from each class are selected as 'Stars of the week'
We celebrate this in our assemblies
These young people were awarded certificates this week.

EYFS

Harry and Sofia-

Both Harry and Sofia have been working especially hard with their Maths and Phonics work and they have moved up a group.



Key Stage 1

Tom, Brie and T-Jay-

Tom and Brie have been impressing with their Art skills and attention to detail.

T-Jay has been concentrating on his writing skills and has shown improvement in writing longer sentences

Key Stage 2

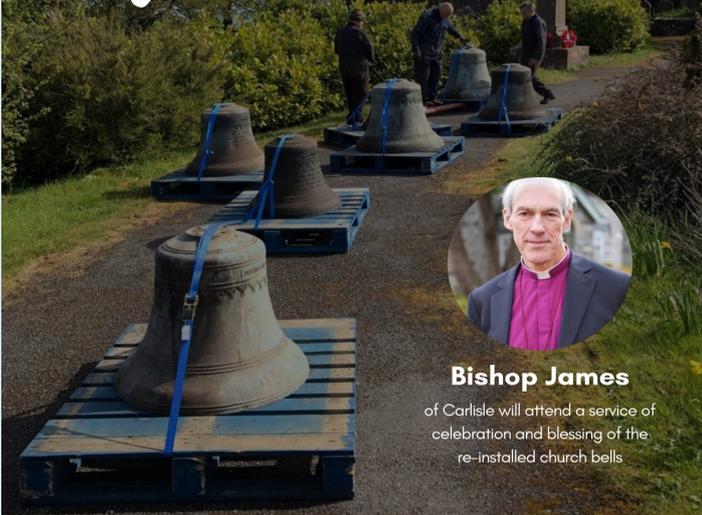
Scarlett, Lolly, Heidi and Amy-

Well done to Scarlett, Lolly, Heidi and Amy for showing their progressive skills in art across a range of topics - some lovely Byzantine and Tibetan examples have been produced.



ST. MICHAEL'S, ARLECDON

Blessing of the Bells



Bishop James

of Carlisle will attend a service of celebration and blessing of the re-installed church bells

SUNDAY 8 MAY | 3 PM

CONNECT WITH CREATION,
PLANT A WILDFLOWER MEADOW,
ECO CRAFTS, STORIES & MORE...

Family Eco Day

WHAT A
WONDERFUL
WORLD

*at St. Paul's Church,
Frizington*

SATURDAY 7 MAY | 3-5PM

PLATINUM JUBILEE

Afternoon Tea



FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2022
ST. JOHN'S IN THE HALL
2-4PM

SING-SONG THROUGH THE AGES
ROYAL FAMILY QUIZ
WATCH THE QUEEN'S CORONATION



COME & JOIN US

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