



Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are now in the month of November, where did October go to? Believe it or not there are only 8 weeks until we break up for Christmas - we have a very busy schedule ahead of us!

Good News:

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs. Siddall is expecting a baby in April. I am sure that you will join with me in congratulating her and her husband on this lovely news.

Mrs Sharon Robson, who currently works with the Year R and 1 children on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons has kindly agreed to cover Mrs. Siddall's maternity leave for the Summer term.

Air Ambulance Collection - Wednesday 13th November:

Air Ambulance collection bags will be sent home, if you have anything that you are clearing out please make use of the bag and return it to school by Wednesday 13th November.

Results of the Brampton Consortium Writing Competition:

Classes 2, 3 and 4 entered a writing competition and submitted five entries per class and we were delighted to hear that Scarlett came first in her age category and Anna came second in her group as well. This is a tremendous achievement as there were over fifty entries per category from the Brampton Consortium of Schools. The writing is on display in the cloakroom corridor for those who would like to read them.

Severe Weather Closure:

As temperatures are now dropping please be aware of our school closure procedure in the event of a heavy snowfall or flooding. If for any reason the school has to be closed please remember to follow our severe weather closure advice:- Look at the school website; listen to CFM and Radio Cumbria, check your text messages, information about the school will be on all of these. In all cases parents must make their own decision as to whether they feel it is safe to get their children to school, taking into account their own circumstances, e.g. confidence in driving, type of vehicle and local road conditions.



Shoebox Appeal:

Please can all shoeboxes be brought into school by Friday 9th November, this will allow us time to organise transport to the Methodist Church for the service the following week.

News from the Vegetable Garden from Head gardener & assistant - E & K Nightingale

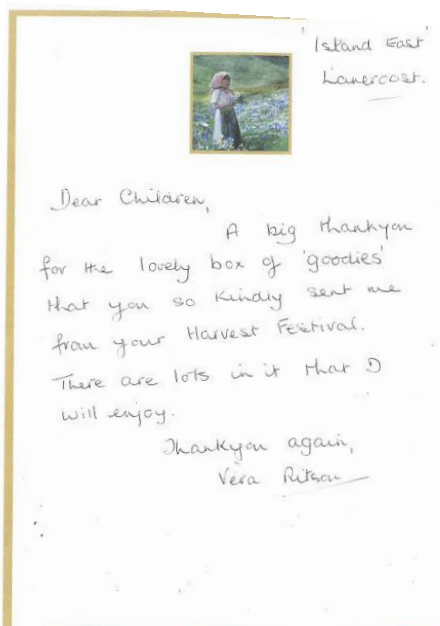
In early October, the children enjoyed harvesting the last soft fruit & vegetables from what has been a more successful season (no rabbits this year!) in the school vegetable garden.

The children planted and nurtured potatoes, onions, runner beans, courgettes, marrows, peas, raspberries, some enormous pumpkins and some very tall sunflowers!

It was the first time we planted a bed of mixed wild flowers & we were rewarded with a wonderful array of colour and fragrance, which in turn attracted bees, butterflies and ladybirds. The children were able to identify the butterflies from the pictures on the chart tables in the school house garden. A Comma Butterfly was spotted for the first time.

The vegetable patch will now be rested over Winter but the children have already planted spring bulbs in the playground tubs to provide colour as Winter makes way for Spring.

Thank you:



An enormous thank you to the children and parents of Lanercost School for your generous donations of fresh fruit, vegetables and groceries brought to the school harvest thanksgiving service in the Priory. All the children's boxes & baskets were displayed around the font along with the harvest prayers written by the children. Some of these were used



at the following Sunday morning church service.

The fresh food was taken to local care home, and ten small boxes were given to some of the more senior members of our community. The groceries were gratefully received by Carlisle Food Bank. £85 was also raised through the collection plate for Christian Aid.

The harvest displays done by the children are exceptional & have been commented upon by both the congregation and visitors - **Elaine Nightingale, Foundation Governor**



First World War Centenary 2018:

To commemorate the centenary of the First World War we want to encourage our pupils to become 'Agents of Peace'. We will be encouraging our children to research, discuss and engage in activities that explore the Armistice and what it means to build peace.

Look out for our prayer space that will be created over the next two weeks to engage children in the



honouring the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War this year and in building peace in their community.

On Saturday 10th November - Carlisle Remembers:

Families and children can also become involved in Carlisle Remembers at Carlisle Castle, Town Hall and Market Square.

Tudor Topic:

Tudor Kitchen - Thursday 8th November:

Children will be learning all about why Tudor's were smelly and how to make a nosegay during the morning. In the afternoon they will make butter and trenchers, Sallet, Blawmanger of chicken, trifle, Gele of Fysshe and Gingerbread

Curriculum Kitchen will also provide additional food to taste; including Tarte of Prunes, Bishop Auckland Cheesecake, Frumente

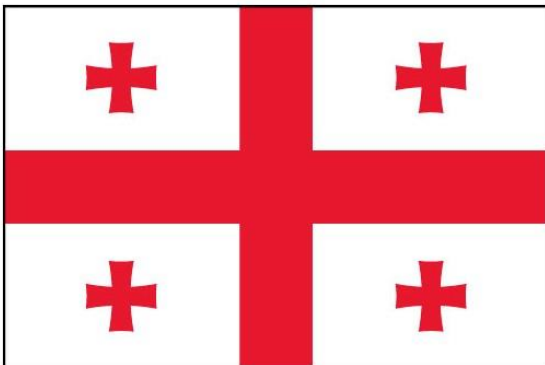
We would like to invite you to taste some of the Tudor food at 3pm.



Tudor Banquet at Naworth Castle - Thursday 29th November:

Please can I remind you that all children need to have their Tudor costume for this day at the banquet.

Children will be transported to Naworth Castle by coach, however they will need to be collected from the castle at **4pm**. Parking is very limited so we would request that you drive in and out and children will be supervised to your vehicle. A letter giving more details will be sent out closer to the time.



Flag of the Month:

We have a new flag flying for this month. This month's homework will be to find out about this country.

Sporting Fixtures:

November:

Wednesday 7th Year 1 and 2 Trampoline Festival at WHS 3.45 - 5.00pm

Friday 9th Talkin Tarn Cross Country - **KS2**

and teams this year

Monday 19th Year 5 and 6 Pop Lacrosse Festival at WHS 3.45 - 5.00pm

Talkin Tarn X Country Reminder - Friday 9th November

Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch, but **parents have been asked NOT to obstruct the finish line**. The races start at **1.00pm** prompt. Children can either go home directly or come back to school for the end of the school day. Please be aware that there is a charge for parking.

Parents Collective Worship at the Priory

Dates

Monday 5th November - **Meet the new vicar**

Monday, 3rd December - **Christingle**

Please come and join us in our act of collective worship at **3.00pm** for approximately 20 minutes.



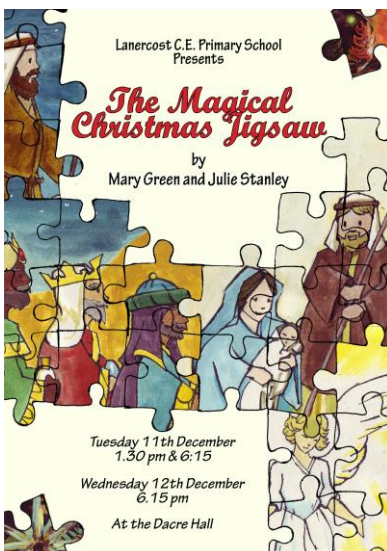
Christingle - Monday 3rd December 3.00pm at the Priory:

On Friday 30th November the children will be decorating their own Christingle for the Christingle service at the Priory on Monday 3rd December, which the Mother's Union is organising. This will be a very child friendly event, where each child's candle will be lit and is a wonderful start to the Christmas season. The service will last no longer than 40 minutes and we would ask that parents attend to help the children light the candles. As part of this event each family will receive a Christingle cardboard candle in order to collect 1 and 2 pence coins for

the Children's Society. This organisation helps less fortunate children who may not have parents or who live in difficult circumstances and we would ask that the children bring their collection candle into school during the week beginning the 26th November. Please can you fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter to let us know whether you will be attending the service.

FOLS Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December - 3.30 - 5.30pm:

Please refer to information to be sent out by Julie, Chair of FOLS. Both the School Council and children in Year 5 and 6 will be running stalls at this event. Please come along and make this a special event and the start of your Christmas festivities.



Christmas Play - 'The Magical Jigsaw' in this traditional nativity the Christmas story comes to life as a magical Christmas jigsaw is pieced together.

Afternoon Performance: Tuesday 11th Dec 1.30pm

Evening Performances; Tuesday 11th Dec 6.15pm

Evening Performances; Wednesday 12th Dec 6.15pm

Please send back the reply slip to request your tickets for these performances.

Forthcoming diary dates (please note that these could be subject to change)

Dates can also be found on the website www.lanercostschool.org.uk

November

- Fri 2nd Year 3 and 4 science trip to Nenthead Mines
- Mon 5th Priory Collective worship 3.00pm
- Wed 7th Year 1 and 2 Trampoline Festival at WHS 3.45 - 5.00pm
- Thurs 8th Tudor Kitchen Day
- Fri 9th Talkin Tarn Cross Country - 1.00pm (Y3 -6)
- Mon 13th NSPCC visit - Speak Out, Stay Safe
- Mon 19th Year 5 and 6 Pop Lacrosse Festival at WHS 3.45 - 5.00pm
- Thurs 29th Tudor Banquet at Naworth Castle - 4pm collection from the Castle

December

- Mon 3rd Christingle Service 3pm
- Tues 4th Lunar performance for N - Y2
- Fri 7th FOLS Christmas Fair 3.30 - 5.30pm
- Tues 11th Afternoon and evening performance of the Christmas play
- Wed 12th Evening performance of the Christmas play
- Thurs 7th Y 5 and 6 Festival at WHS 3.45 - 5pm
- Thurs 13th Preschool Christmas party (Nursery and Pre-school) children 1.30 - 3.00pm
- Fri 14th Christmas Dinner
- Mon 17th Wizard of Oz at the Sands Y3-6 10.00am
- Tues 18th Christmas party for Y R -6 1.30pm - 4pm at Dacre Hall
- Fri 21st Christmas Carol Service in the Priory 1.30pm **Early Finish**

Date of next newsletter - first weekend of December

Best wishes,

Alison Clarricoats
Headteacher

Reply slips:

Christingle Service - Monday 3rd December, 3.00 pm at the Priory

Child's Name _____

My child will/will not be attending the Christingle Service on Monday 3rd December and I understand that I need to accompany my child (due to health and safety reasons).

Signed _____ Printed Name: _____

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Christmas Play Ticket Request

Family Name _____

I would like _____ tickets for the afternoon performance of the Christmas play on Tuesday 11th December (maximum 2)

Either:

I would like _____ tickets for the evening performance of the Christmas play on Tuesday 11th December (maximum 2 and **no preschool** children, please)

Or:

I would like _____ tickets for the evening performance of the Christmas play on Wednesday 12th December (maximum 2 and **no preschool** children, please)

I would like additional tickets if they become available:

I would like _____ extra tickets for the afternoon performance on Tuesday 11th

I would like _____ extra tickets for the evening performance on Tuesday 11th

I would like _____ extra tickets for the evening performance on Wednesday 12th

Name _____ (Please print in capitals)