



**Term Dates** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December '20  
Half Term Holiday Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

## Welcome to the new school year at St Mary's Kells

### Information Sheets

We would be grateful if parents could return the new emergency contact sheets to the school office as soon as possible (please complete both sides and sign) so that we have up to date address, telephone numbers and e-mails for all pupils. It is a safeguarding requirement that we ask for **three** different contacts and telephone numbers for children, to ensure that we can keep in touch in case of an emergency.

Please remember to tell us straight away if your contact number or e-mail address changes. This year most of our information for parents will be sent out electronically, so please help us to stay in touch. Thank you.

Don't forget our school website: [www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk)



### Uniform & Jewellery

Please ensure that children wear full school uniform at all times. Sports wear and sweatpants are only allowed for outdoor P.E. and should not be worn at other times.

Outdoor P.E. kit (for all children except nursery) is a plain grey sweatshirt (without a hood), plain black jogging trousers and a pair of trainers.

Indoor P.E. kit is a white T shirt (not the same one worn in class), black shorts and black pumps.

Items of uniform can be bought from [www.oneidentity.co.uk](http://www.oneidentity.co.uk) a local company who will deliver your order to school for free or the [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) website.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day and these will need to be taken home each day to be washed.

**Jewellery is not allowed in school - this includes all types of earrings.**

Wrist watches may be worn but must be removed for P.E.

## WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

There are a number of children in school with different types of allergies, some of whom have been prescribed with Epi Pens because they are at risk of anaphylaxis.

You can help us to reduce the risk of any of them having an allergic reaction in school by being careful with snacks and packed lunches. **Please do not send packets of nuts, cereal bars or chocolate bars such as Snickers and avoid products such as peanut butter and Nutella in packed lunches.** Thank you for your help.

### Bags & Lockers

**For safety reasons children can only bring bags which are small enough to fit in their locker. Thank you.**

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### School Photographs

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September the photographer will be in school. Unfortunately, this year, due to regulations to limit the risk of spreading COVID, there will be no family photographs and parents will receive the pictures digitally rather than via paper order forms.

Pupils should be dressed in full school uniform for the photographs.

**Children in Years 3 and 5 should come to school in outdoor PE kit on Monday, but wear a BLUE sweatshirt instead of their grey one with their black joggers.**

### Reading & Homework

**Children will have a reading book at school and be given one to take home to read with parents, who will be notified when books can be returned and changed.**

**Parents of Nursery and Reception pupils will be using the Tapestry app to receive updates and homework for their children.**

**The Seesaw app will be back in use very soon for pupils in Years 1 to 6. This will be used for homework, spellings and to record notes about reading at home. Please look out for more information and new login codes.**

### Internet Security

Over the last few months a number of inappropriate apps and social media platforms have appeared. If your child has a phone, please check it regularly to ensure they are keeping safe online and please read the monthly Online Safety Newsletters which are sent to parents via email.

Local Authority guidelines advise against school employees accepting "Friendship" requests on Facebook and social media, so we would be very grateful if parents and pupils would not request members of staff.

### Dinner Money

Just a reminder of the school meal prices for this term.

Nursery meal = £1.30 per day £6.50 per week

School meal (Key Stage 2) = £2.00 per day £10.00 per week

**Reminder: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils are entitled to a free school meal.**

Caterlink provide school with a cash free service and ALL parents (including those who are entitled to free school meals) are asked to set up an account with ParentPay.

Please contact the school office for a username/password to set up a new account.



Please click this link to see the term dates for this academic year:

<https://www.kells-stmarys.cumbria.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Term-Dates-2020-2021.pdf>

### PE Timetable for Autumn Term

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Wednesday & Thursday

On PE days children need to come to school dressed in grey/black outdoor kit.