

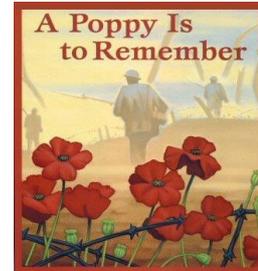


**Term Dates Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

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### Prayer of the Month

Dear Lord,  
We will wear a poppy on Remembrance Day,  
And at eleven, we will stand and pray.  
That the wreaths which are put upon the graves,  
Will help us remember our soldiers brave.  
Amen.



### Flu Immunisation

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November the school nurses carried out flu immunisation (using nasal spray) for children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Catch up clinics are available for children who missed out. The next available dates in Whitehaven will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact 01900 705871 or 705867 if you would like to make an appointment for your child/children.



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the 12 children who recently made their First Holy Communion, after the programme was delayed in the Spring due to the pandemic. Fingers crossed that Year 3 pupils will be able to begin their First Communion lessons at the normal time this year – please look out for more information from Fr Kevan and the catechists.

### School Website

Our school website will be changing very soon and a photographer will be visiting us on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November to take pictures for the new site. All children will need to wear blue uniform on Monday – Years 4 and 5 will need to bring grey PE kit in a bag.

### School Photographs

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November the Tempest photographer will be in school. There will be no photographs with family members, other than brothers and sisters who are in the same or other classes in school. Parents will receive the pictures digitally rather than via paper order forms and we've been told that photos will be ready before Christmas.

Pupils need to be dressed in full school uniform for the photographs.

**Children in Years 3 and 6 should come to school in outdoor PE kit on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, but wear a BLUE sweatshirt instead of their grey one with their black joggers.**

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### CAR PARK

Now that the days are shorter, please walk/drive safely on the church car park. There have been some near misses recently, especially when the weather has been bad. Parents and children who are on foot need to walk along the pavement outside the car park and down the side lane instead of walking through the parked cars. We would be grateful if cars are only parked in the designated spaces. Please don't use the disabled bays unless you hold a blue badge and not in front of the school gate, no matter how busy or wet it is, as access is required for emergency vehicles.



### CAFOD Emergency Appeal

Our school total of £132.60 for the non-uniform day will be added to the amount collected at St Mary's Church, so that it can all be sent to CAFOD.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

## **Please remember we are a nut free school!**

### Collecting Children

Just a reminder that school staff need to be informed if children are going to be collected by someone other than the usual parent or guardian. If we have not been notified about a change, we need to contact a parent/guardian before allowing the child to be taken by someone else. Thank you

### Uniform

**Please make sure that names are in all items of school uniform – items are being taken home by mistake and it's very difficult to return clothing if it isn't labelled. Thank you.**

### Christmas Productions



Unfortunately, our normal Key Stage productions will not be able to take place again this year, due to the continuing high number of COVID cases in our local area and across Cumbria.

Like last year, each class will be arranging their own Nativity or Christmas Assembly, which will be shared with families on Tapestry and Seesaw via video links.

If things improve in the coming months, there may be the possibility of a larger production in the Summer term.

### Birthdays and Gifts for Staff

To comply with the school COVID 19 Risk Assessment, please avoid sending sweets/lollies for class mates on your child's birthday. We are very grateful for your help in reducing the risk of transmission from one household to another via school.

Parents are always very kind to staff and once again we would be happy if you could give the money you would spend on Christmas gifts to a charity or donate something to the local foodbank. Presents will be impossible to quarantine, so we would ask that children do not bring items from home. It would be lovely if those less fortunate could benefit from your generosity. Thank you.

