



Term Dates Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December '19
Half Term Holiday Monday 21st October to Friday 25th 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 and telephone numbers for all pupils. It is now 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.

Our text service only allows us to send a message to one mobile number per child, so if you have more than one number we would be grateful if you could let us know which one to use for the service. Please remember to tell us straight away if your contact number changes. Thank you.



Don't forget our school website: 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.

Indoor P.E. kit is a white T shirt (not the same one worn in class), black shorts and black pumps. Outdoor P.E. kit for Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 is a plain grey sweatshirt (without a hood), black jogging trousers and a pair of trainers.

Items of uniform can be bought from the My Clothing website (www.myclothing.com) or by obtaining an order form from the school office.

Please make sure that pupils have their indoor P.E. kit in school every day. They should be brought on Monday morning and taken home on Friday afternoon to be washed.

Children are encouraged to bring an empty water bottle to school but these will need to be taken home regularly 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.

Bags & Lockers

Please use only book bags & drawstring PE bags so that all items fit in school lockers to keep the classrooms and corridors tidy and avoid tripping over bags. Thank you.

After School Clubs

The after school activities and homework clubs will start soon, please look out for the letter next week and return it as soon as possible to make sure that your child has a place for their chosen activities.

Early Birds will be available in the ICT suite every morning from Wednesday 4th September. Doors open 8.15 a.m. Toast, cereal and juice cost 30p per day.

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School Photographs

On Monday 16th September the photographer will be in school to take individual and family group pictures in the ICT suite.

Pre-school children can be photographed with their brothers and sisters from 8.40am, please use the Key Stage 2 door from the school playground.

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

Reading Meeting

On Wednesday 11th September there will be meetings for Reception class parents, in the ICT Suite at 9 a.m. & 2.45 p.m., to find out more about how we will develop each child's love of books and reading.

Internet Security

Just a reminder that parents are asked not to photograph children while they are performing school assemblies/plays. We would also ask that pictures taken in school are only used for private viewing and are not uploaded to any internet sites e.g. Instagram or Facebook.

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



School Visits

Tuesday 10th September – Year 2 – Tullie House – Florence Nightingale

Thurs 19th Sept – Year 3 – Sands Centre – Horrible Histories 'Awful Egyptians'

Fri 20th Sept – Year 5 – Sands Centre – Horrible Histories 'Terrible Tudors'

Wednesday 25th September - Years 5 & 6 – Lakes College - REACT Science



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, so ALL parents (including those who are entitled to free school meals) need to set up an account with ParentPay.

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

Swimming

The Year 4 class will be going swimming every Friday this term.

The first session will be on Friday 13th September. Please remember to bring swimming costumes, towels and armbands, if needed, and make sure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name.



Reminder – ear rings and jewellery are not allowed to be worn in school/at the pool.

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Our event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support will take place on Friday 27th September. Please look out for more information in a separate letter.