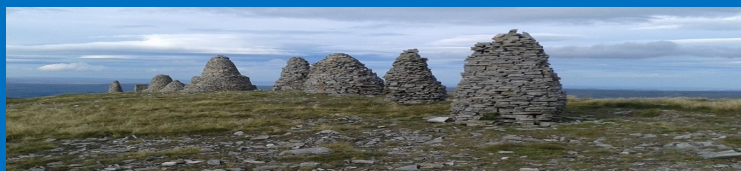


28th September Newsletter

Kirkby Stephen Primary School

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Dear All,

September has passed very quickly and all the children are now fully settled into their classes and new routines. Please visit the class pages of the school website to see more of what the children have been busy doing.

Tomorrow, Nursery, Reception and Y5 are visiting the 'Singing Drumlin Celebration' at Bowber Head Nature Reserve, Ravenstonedale.

Please ensure they have a warm waterproof coat and wellies.

This event is also open to the public over the weekend.

I also want to say a huge congratulations to Sam and Logan who climbed Snowden at the weekend to raise money for 'JDRF, improving lives curing type 1 diabetes'.

What a fantastic achievement!



Diary Dates

Monday 2nd October, NHS vaccinations for children in R-Y6.

Thursday 5th October, Y6 Open Evening @ KSGS.

Tuesday 17th October, Parents Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Thursday 19th October, Parents Evening (3.30-7.00pm)

Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October, Half Term.

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November, Y6 Outdoor and Adventurous Activity week.

Thursday 2nd November, Y3 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Wednesday 1st November, Y3 visit to Vindolanda.

Friday 3rd November, Y4 visit to the Military Museum.

Week commencing Monday 6th November, Y3 Swimming.

Thursday 9th November, Tempest, Individual Pupil Photographs

Thursday 9th November, Y4 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Week commencing Monday 13th November, Y4 Swimming.

Tuesday 14th November, Y6 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Wednesday 15th November, Y5 Class Assembly @ 3pm

Week commencing Monday 20th November, Y5 Swimming.

Monday 4th December, Library Bus visiting.

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December, R/KS1 Nativity, 2.00pm and 6.00pm.

Wednesday 13th December, School Christmas Dinner.

Thursday 14th December, Christmas Fair, 2-4pm.

Tuesday 19th December, Carol Service at Kirkby Stephen Parish Church @1pm (All welcome)

Tuesday 19th December, Last Day of Term, 2.15 finish.

Our New School Library

As many of you will know we had the school Library refurbished and stocked with lots of lovely new books. A huge thank you to 'KSPS Fundraisers' for their contribution to this project.

We really do appreciate your support at our fundraising events and hope you will continue to support the events this coming year.



Our younger children enjoying a visit to the Library.

Get to know your Governors

The Governing Body at KSPS would like to introduce themselves. They work closely with myself, the staff and pupils to ensure the smooth running of the school and make certain that the school community is given every opportunity to grow and develop. Each Governor will be writing a short piece about themselves and this way we hope that the Governing body can be more accessible.

Eleanor Ockenden

I am the staff governor on the Governing Body and have been since November 2022. I previously held this role between 2017 and 2021. I enjoy being part of the Governors and relish the opportunity to be a part of the wider life of the school.

I have taught at Kirkby Stephen Primary School since I qualified as a teacher in 2012. I have predominantly taught in KS2, mainly in Year 3 and 4. I returned from maternity leave in February of this year and have been teaching in Year 5. I am looking forward to continuing in Year 5 in September.

In 2001, I moved to Kirkby Stephen with my parents when I was 11 and attended the Grammar School before studying Psychology at Leeds and followed this up with a PGCE in Carlisle at the University of Cumbria. Kirkby Stephen Primary School was my final placement school and I have been there ever since. I love working at KSPS, the children are fantastic and I enjoy working with all of the staff and parents to ensure we provide the highest quality education we can for our children. The community of Kirkby Stephen is a big part of mine and my partner Jonny's lives as we both live and work here.



We have two children Oliver who is four and is in reception at Kirkby Stephen Primary School and Jack who is 16 months. As a family we enjoy spending time together and socialising with friends. We love to go on holiday particularly skiing, which has become our annual family holiday after I learnt to ski while on maternity leave four years ago.

Polite reminders

Please can you remember to order pupils lunches on the School Hub.

We have accumulated a large amount of uniform in lost property, please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

As a school we are responsible for ensuring we promote healthy eating and it is also included in the National Curriculum.

Please can I remind everyone to only send their child to school with fruit or a healthy alternative for snack time.

No crisps, chocolate, sweets etc. We value your support with this.

All children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 are provided with free fruit.

Many thanks

Mrs Alison Capstick

