



Newsletter – WC 4th November 2024

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

– Philippians 4:13



A massive St John's well done to all our Silverdale Stars this week.

Curlews' Class - Scout

For being so joyful and loving and enthusiastic!

Bittern's Class – Reuben

For being so inquisitive about so many aspects of school life and beyond

Harriers' Class – Poppie

For always working hard. You have a great attitude towards your learning and you're an excellent role model!

Curriculum

Our current theme for Autumn term is 'Happy, Healthy Me'. Each class has a breakdown of what objectives are being taught each week, in a half termly overview. Please click on the following links to see what your children are learning.

[Curlews](#) [Bitterns](#) [Harriers](#)

Kitty Brown Fashion Show

Huge thanks to Diane Smillie and St John's church for organising this. It was a brilliant evening, with lots of lovely clothes and accessories. We learnt a lot about tulip sleeves, ankle grazers and how to keep warm with some very sophisticated wrist warmers! The evening was so successful, the team managed to raise a LOT of money, £300 of which has come to school! We are so grateful. Thankyou

Lunches

Week 1 WC 11.11.24



Saying Goodbye

If anyone would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Mrs Knight or Mrs Holmes, please leave donations at the office. We are in communication with them both, as they decide on what they would like their parting gift to be from the school family of Silverdale St John's Primary School.

Christmas Markets

We had a fabulous meeting on Thursday night. Firstly, thanks again to Carly, Andy, Vicky and Emma for being our main 'overseers' of our new PTA. Secondly, thanks to Kirstie, Mia and James for being on the sub-committee of the Christmas fair. A huge thanks to Mrs Tetchner for being our link staff representative. Emma has done minutes of the meeting, but for now we need...

Volunteers for the stalls

Someone who has contacts for LOTS of local businesses, so we can ask for raffle prizes

Shredded paper

Small toys for the lucky dip

Outdoor lights

Our getting together 'craft night' is going to be on **27.11.24 at 17:30**. Put the date in your diary!

Dark Nights

Please take extra care of children as you leave school at night. Cars travel so fast in the village, and the children are often very excited leaving school – sometimes running off.

Please make sure your children are safe, and try not to cross the road between parked cars.

Make sure they are visible too. Reflective jackets/stripes, when walking through the village are very effective. Thankyou

Children in Need

Children can bring in money for Children In Need, if they like on Friday 15th November.

There will be a cake stall and some little competitions run by the new school council.

UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN

Parent Meetings

Thanks to all who attended these. We had a good turnout. Please remember, you can still make an appointment, even if you could not make the official parent meeting

Royal British Legion

Head Boy/Girl have been selling poppies each afternoon. They will be doing this until Monday 11th November AM

The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is HOPE



This week has been exciting, as the children meet their new reading buddies for this half term. Every day, at 12:50 for 10 minutes, ALL the children go to their special reading space in school – be it the library, cuddled in the reading area, or in the hall... Why not ask your child who their reading buddy is?

Here are some positive reasons why reading is so important: Spending time together while reading aloud helps to create strong parent-child bonds and promotes healthy brain development. Children that are read to more often have improved language and listening skills, experience stronger emotional connections to their loved ones, and gain a life long love of reading. Check out:
www.healthline.com/health/childrens-health/reading-to-children#for-youngchildren

Destiny Africa

We welcome 'Destiny Africa' to school, on Friday, for our family worship, followed by drumming workshops. They are part of Kampala Children's Centre.

If you would like to know more, or sponsor a child, and improve life for the wider community, the information is below. There are also 2 evening concerts. One on Wednesday evening at Arnside Methodist and one at Silverdale St John's on Friday evening.

By choosing to sponsor a child, you won't just be helping one child - you'll be investing in their future, their education, and their chance to reach their full potential. Your £47/month or £35/month sponsorship provides for your child's education, meals, uniform, books, and minor medical needs. If necessary, you may specify a lower monthly amount between £20-£45 or £20-£35/month. You will receive annual updates and may write letters to your child. Shortly after sign up, you will receive an email with more information about the program and a copy of your child's profile.

<https://www.destinyafrica.org/sponsor-a-child/>

Class Blog

It's Curlews this week! Click [here](#) for an insight to a week in the life of being a Curlew!

Next Week...

11.11.24 – Curlews' Forest School
11.11.24 – Remembrance service at Bleasdale School. Children to lead
11.11.24 – Head Boy and Head Girl to deliver food to Morecambe Bay Foodbank
12.11.24 – Miss S and Mrs T SIAMs training
13.11.24 – Barnados in school
13.11.24 – Bitterns' Forest School
14.11.24 – Miss S HT appraisal
14.11.24 – Harriers' forest school
15.11.24 – Destiny Africa worship and workshops all day
15.11.24 – Children in Need day
CHECK THE SCHOOL [WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Support for parents

This website has a lot of helpful tips, articles to read and videos to help parents manage a whole range of parenting issue such as de-escalation techniques, co- parenting, separation, divorce and loss as well as many other topics.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk>

Workshops

There will be a **phonics workshop on Tuesday 19th November**. This is for parents of children in Curlews class. It will be at 17:00.

New Christian Value

We have been thinking about the Christian Value of Hope. In worship, Miss Sanderson explained that having a wish for something is different from having hope in God. This is something we will be focusing on over the next few weeks as we move into Advent.

Friday Thought

For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.—[Psalm 11:7](#)

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can "agree to disagree". Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on criticising and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



The National College

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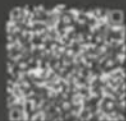
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CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

ST JOHN'S CHURCH,
SILVERDALE

FRIDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER 2024
7.30PM

PAY ON THE DOOR: £5 ADULTS
£2 CHILDREN



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Silverdale **CHRISTMAS MARKET**



**FRIDAY
29th NOVEMBER**
from 5pm until late

At The Silverdale Hotel
Shore Rd, Silverdale

*Festive games, mince pies, school
carol singers, mulled wine & plenty
of local artisan gifts & crafts*

