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## The importance and benefits of reading.

Research shows that reading helps to improve vocabulary, communication skills and also makes us better writers. We all need these skills in life and in our workplace. Consider talking to your child about when you use these skills in your own life and work.

The increase in screen-time and social media has been shown to have decreased our focus and concentration levels as people are so used to flicking between apps and scrolling through various websites.

Reading can help counter this by providing one thing to focus on. Did you know that reading has been proven to reduce stress? In today's world, helping our children with this is so important.

Did you also know that research shows children who read for pleasure achieve better, regardless of whether their reading material of choice is a novel or magazine?

Please do encourage your child to read a variety of texts that they are interested in. A child who reads/is read to for 5 minutes a day will be exposed to around 400,000 words a year. Increasing that to 21 minutes exposes them to 1,823,000 words a year. 40 minutes results in 3,646,000 words a year! Enjoy reading however much you can.

## Coniston

Y5 Coniston letters will be sent out next week. This trip is heavily subsidised and works out at £60 per child. Please pay on ParentPay

## Easter Service

We would love you to come and join our Easter service on Thursday 28 March at 1:45pm. Church will be open from 1:30pm. The children will be working hard (in between outdoor ed and bikeability) to prepare a retelling of the Easter story with each class presenting a different part of the story. We hope to see you there.

## Outdoor ed

Diamond class and Y3 outdoor ed takes place next week. We have 3 groups of Diamond class exploring the River Lune walk on Monday and Tuesday and 3 groups of Y3 children canoeing at Borwick on Tuesday and Wednesday. Check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure which day. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately – NO shorts and plenty of warm layers.

## Y2 singing festival

Our Y2 children sang their hearts out at the Town Hall last night as part of the Lancaster and District singing festival. They worked really hard to learn all the songs and actions and performed wonderfully to a large audience. Thank you to Mrs Scott and Mrs Shone for accompanying our children on the night and well done to our parents for joining in the singalong sections! You are all great sports!



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

## Bikeability

Y5 will be taking part in bikeability next week. We have 2 groups: Monday/Tuesday, and Wednesday/Thursday. Your class teachers will inform you which group your child is in. Please ensure children safely bring their bikes to school on their days. Bikes can be securely left at school overnight in the bike sheds by the KS2 corridor doors – all gates are locked overnight.

## Sporty stuff

Our indoor athletics team have their last competition of the year tonight as we strive for a 4<sup>th</sup> placed finish in a league of 28 teams!! It is the last time our Y6 children represent school at the indoor athletics (some of them have been in the team for 3 years) and we would like to thank them for their amazing contribution to athletics at CSP. Let's hope some school records can fall tonight!

## SATs

Y6 are working hard to prepare for their SATs: these will take place on Monday 13 May. We are ensuring Y6 still receive a well-rounded education in school, whilst ensuring they are able to achieve their potential. We ask for parental support in helping children complete their homework as we prepare them for Secondary School. This is a great Y6 cohort and we are already very proud of them.

## Parents evenings

These take place online on Monday and in-person on Tuesday. Please let your class teacher know asap if you can't make your appointment.

## VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

**Diamond** - Annabelle for growing in confidence in her phonics and her number work, well done Annabelle!

**Ruby** – Holly for settling into CSP and showing great enthusiasm for phonics and Maths.

**Topaz** – Grace for fantastic work in maths this week – listening well, asking questions and always being ready to learn.

**Emerald** - Rey for excellent letter writing this week and for showing amazing reading progress.

**Sapphire** – Ethan for working extremely hard on his assessments, I'm very proud of you!

**Amethyst** – Lydia for exemplary behaviour in class, being a wonderful sports leader and for always being thoughtful and considerate.

## Leave of absence

Unless it is truly exceptional circumstances, all family holidays are recorded as an unauthorised absence. If you are going away for any reason, please fill in a leave of absence form and return it to the office as soon as possible. We try to be understanding of family circumstances but also need to ensure we are delivering a high quality education to your children for as many days as possible. Please also note where possible any appointments should be made for out of school hours and proof of the appointment should be shared with the office. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance letters have been sent home this week as we strive to meet our school attendance target of 97%.