

Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term

April 2017

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed some time off together.

Unfortunately during the holidays the trim trail on the playground was condemned by Health and Safety and had to be removed. We are all really upset about this. It came from the old school and so was quite old. We have been quoted £10,000 for a replacement which we are unable to afford from the school budget. We will therefore be seeking grants and using fund raising events to help towards the cost of a new one.

We have two new children in school this week and we would like to welcome their family to Kirk Merrington. We hope they will all be very happy here.

Mrs Murray

School Events

The children have had a busy week back and are all working extra hard. The Year 6 children are preparing for their Sats, not long now!

Already this week the Year 5 children have attended the Ready Steady Cook event at FBEC and Year 1 have visited the Forbidden Corner.

Year 2 have been on a treasure hunt and have been given a special job- looking after Pirate Pete's treasure!

Reception had a visit from Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf to start their new topic.

Year 3 and 4 have been out orienteering at Hardwick Park.

The pre-school are enjoying their visits to the school to use our library and share some stories.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to -

Ben K-W, Oliver J, Tia F, Jacob F, Jack S, Leah Q, Cameron B, Ben C, Adie R, Archie M, Daisy A, Alfie B, Brody B, Sophie R, Ben C, Callie T, Chloe P-M



Website

If you need any information about what's going on in school then the website is a useful point of reference.

The children who are Star of the Week have their names on there!

Winmarleigh

The balance for this residential visit now needs to be paid.

Absence:

Please do not use Class Dojo for absences. The office staff need a phone call please.

Sponsor a Grown Up:

Please note the Sponsor a Grown Up sessions are being held at Kirk Merrington Primary School for this half term on a Friday from 4pm-5pm. The sessions this time are Soccercise. There are still free places if you are interested.

Maze:

Please do not let children play in the maze or on the grass after school.

Topics for this half term:

Reception: Traditional Tales

Year 1: The Enchanted Woodland- Plants and animals found in woodlands, working with natural materials

Year 2: Land Ahoy - Grace Darling, Captain Cook and famous pirates

Years 3 & 4: Traiders and Raiders - Anglo Saxons and Vikings

Years 5 & 6: Hola Mexico! - Ancient Mayan Civilisations, Mexican Food

Dates for your diary:

8.5.17- 11.5.17 Year 6 Sats
 15.5.17- 25.5.17 Year 2 Sats
 26.5.17 Break up for school holidays
 5.6.17 SCHOOL CLOSED- Teacher Training
 6.6.17 Photograph Day
 12.6.17- 14.6.17 Year 1 Phonic Screening tests
 15.6.17 Father's Day Lunch
 30.6.17 Winmarleigh
 12.7.17 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
 19.7.17 Sports Day 9:30am

Attendance

Please note that when children miss 7 school days for an **unauthorised absence**, including holidays, then a £60 fine may be applied by the Local Authority. This is per parent, per child. Holidays can only be authorised when the circumstances are considered exceptional.

Please try to arrange medical appointments after school. If this is not possible then the afternoon is better after the children are registered. If children are not present at the time of registration in the morning or the afternoon then they are recorded as being late, absent or medical.

Breakfast Club/ After School Club- Little Darlings

There are spaces in Breakfast Club should you require a regular place at the reduced price of £3.00 per day. After School also has places which can be used as required at £7.00 per session per child. Ad-hoc sessions can be arranged in agreement with Nicola Coulthard once children are registered.

Safeguarding

Please can you telephone the school when your child is absent as we need to make sure that the children are safe and where they should be. (01388 816230) Please let us know of any changes in mobile numbers or **contact details**.

Can you please make sure that you do not park in the staff car park unless you need to use the disabled space.

Clubs this half term: Please try to ensure that you collect your child on time and let us know if you are running late.

	KS1	KS2
Monday		Pop Vocal- (4:15 finish)
Tuesday	Football- 4:30	Mathletics- Y2,3,4 & 5 -4:30 Booster (Year 6) 4:30
Wednesday	Craft club- 4:30	Football -4:30 Booster (Year 6) 4:30
Thursday		Cookery (Year 5)- 4:30

Water

As the weather gets warmer all children will need a water bottle in school. These can be re-filled at school if needed. Please help us by encouraging the children to have plain water. Even flavoured water contains sugar or sweetener which is not considered good for their teeth. We have a small minority of children who have permission for juice for medical purposes.

School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible for a free school lunch then please speak to the office staff.