



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term

July 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 children the best of luck as they move on to Secondary school. We are exceptionally proud of their Sats results but also for all of their other achievements. They are ready to move on but we hope they take with them lots of lovely memories from KMPS.

Enjoy your holidays!
Mrs Murray



School Events:

As always it has been a busy half term with lots of events happening. We've had a KS2 cycling day, KS1 Buddhism visit, Kingswood residential, Summer fair, Art Week, Brass performance, transition days and the Year 6 Leavers' service!

Sports Day

Thank you for supporting our sports day. The children had a great afternoon. We feel it is important to have a balance between team games and competitive races!



Staffing

We would like to take this opportunity to say Goodbye and Good Luck to our school cook, Emma, who is leaving us to become an Environmental Health Officer. She has worked at the school for 5 years. We have a new cook starting from Taylor Shaw in September.



Miss Little has also finished her apprenticeship and is also leaving us. We want to thank her for all her hard work. I know lots of children have benefitted from her support in class and will miss her next year. We wish her all the best in her future employment.

PTA- Friends of Kirk Merrington

I would like to thank our PTA once again for all of their time and efforts throughout the year to support the school. With your support they have raised a significant amount of money for all of the children to benefit from. Please let us know if you are able to help out at events or perhaps have an auntie, uncle or grandparent who might be available.

School Fair- thank you as always for your support we raised £443 for PTA funds.

Year 6 Enterprise- the children did an amazing job with their creative talents. They made £259 profit, some of which will be used for a whole school treat on Friday!

Art Gallery-we have some talented artists in school! We made £140 which we will be using towards a mural at the start of the new school year.

100% Attendance

Well done to all of the children who have been at school every day and achieved 100% attendance, this is a huge achievement! The children have all received a certificate and a £10 voucher for ROF 59 as a reward.

Oliver J, Joseph A, Ben Ch, Leon G, Victoria R, Emilie L and Isla Q



Dates for your diary:

20.7.18 Last day before the summer holidays
 4.9.18 Back to school
 6.9.18 Meet the Teacher meeting 4:30pm or 5:00pm
 10.10.18 School Photographs
 26.11.18 **PD Day**- school closed

* Some Durham school holidays next year are different to other local authorities.

School Lunches

Please note that Taylor Shaw have increased the price of school lunches to £2.05 per day from September. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 still receive a free dinner paid for by the government. From Year 3 onwards they are to pay for at £10.25 per week. Please ensure dinners are paid for in advance as school cannot allow you to get into arrears. If your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of benefits then you may be entitled to free meals. Please speak to Mrs Harrison for more information

Attendance

The whole school attendance is **96.4%**. The National Average is 96%

Mrs Bell **95.7%**

Miss Goldsborough **95.3%**

Miss Peat **97.3%** - Well done Miss Peat's class!

Miss Rawlings **96.8%**

Mrs Thirkell **96.8%**

Mrs O'Sullivan **96.4%**

| Percentage | Days Absence | Comment | Achievement |
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| Above 97% | Less than 6 days absence per year | Excellent Attendance | These children will almost certainly achieve their full potential in school |
| 95-96% | 10 days absence per year | Missing 2 weeks of school every year | These children are likely to achieve but could still improve their attendance! |
| 90% - 94% | 19 days absence per year | Missing one month of school every year | These children will find it hard to achieve their best in school |
| 85% - 89% | 29 days absence per year | Missing six weeks of school every year | These children will find it very difficult to keep up with work in school and are unlikely to achieve their potential |
| 80% - 84% | 38 days absence per year | Missing a year of school over the time spent in primary education | These children will find it almost impossible to keep up with their work. |

Please do not let children play on the equipment in the playground after school. We are not able to accept any responsibility for accidents that happen at this time.

FREE healthy snacks for kids on the go this summer

During the school holidays free healthy snacks will be available to all kids visiting any Durham County council swimming pool, library or community library every day they are open.

SSP 3 DAY SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS ONLY £30

Monday 23rd- Wednesday 25th July, 9am-3pm @ Kirk Merrington Primary School
 (or £12 per day)

Bookings can be made: www.sedgefieldssp.org.uk/holiday-camps/