

Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter



Spring Term

March 2017

Apologies for the confusion caused about the dressing up, it was entirely my fault for putting the wrong day on the previous newsletter!

Just a reminder that the newsletters now go out at the beginning and end of every half term.

Clubs change every half term as we try to offer a range of activities to appeal to different children. I am currently waiting on a reply from School of Rock and Destination Judo.

Our clubs are heavily oversubscribed and we are aware we end up with lots of children on a waiting list. We are looking at trying to provide a range of clubs to suit the different interests of the children. We also aim to provide at least one free club each half term.

Maths Morning

We often get asked for more information about how we teach particular concepts in Maths. In order to share this with parents/ carers we are holding two Maths mornings.

For children in Year 2 and Year 3 this will be held on 28.3.17

For children in Years 4,5 and 6 this will be held on 29.3.17

The sessions will start at 9am in the hall where we will talk through the calculation policy, show you some Maths assessments and answer any questions. At 9:30 you will then be invited into the classroom to take part in a Maths lesson with your child.

We understand some of you will find it difficult to attend at these times but the calculation policy and year group expectations are now on the website for reference. Staff are also happy to answer questions at parent meetings.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday this half term to -

Isla Q, Jake L, Aimee S, Brooke I, Lucy F, Ruby H, Paige A, Jake H, Katie H, Charlie C, Ethan C, Imogen B, Sophie E, Vincent T, Ellie H, Amy W



Website

We are setting up a folder on the website for all letters sent home. We are hoping this will be of use for reference, any lost letters or for separated parents in particular.

Letters

Letters have been sent out for Mother's Day lunch and for Parent Meeting appointments.

Home Tuition

Miss Armstrong is now doing home tuition. If you are interested in extra support at home for your child in KS1 with Sats or phonics. Please speak to her directly.

PTA- Friends of Kirk Merrington

Tickets are now on sale for a Ladies Night on Friday 10th March from 7pm- 9pm.

Prices are: £8 for a ticket with prosecco

£4 for a ticket with a non-alcoholic drink

Please speak to Mrs Adams if you are interested in joining the PTA.

Governors: Thank you to Mr Castling who has generously re-stocked our fish tank for us. The children were so excited to see fish back in there!

Liz Million

On Wednesday as part of our week of celebrating reading the illustrator Liz Million visited the school and worked with all of the children. They had lots of fun and described it as a "comedy act!" She showed them all how she draws her illustrations and they all tried drawing one of their own.



Dates for your diary:

3.3.17 Book Fair
 9.3.17 Year 2 visit to Hardwick Park
 16.3.17 Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm
 20.3.17 & 22.3.17 Parent Meetings 3:30- 6:00pm
 28.3.17 9:00am- 10:30am Maths Workshops for Year 2 and Year 3 parents/carers
 29.3.17 9:00am- 10:30am Maths Workshops for Year 4, 5 & 6 parents/carers
 7.4.17 Break up for Easter
 24.4.17- Back to school
 1.5.17- Bank holiday
 8.5.17 Year 6 Sats
 5.6.17 School is closed for Teacher Training

Attendance

In order to maximise their learning then children need to be in school every day. This year we are awarding termly certificates and gift vouchers at the end of the year for 100% all year.

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.

The schools current attendance remains at **97.3%** which is **line with the National target of 96%**. The attendance is monitored regularly and we are expected to notify you when your child's attendance falls below 90%. Attendance below 90% is considered to "Persistent Absence" and therefore triggers involvement from the Local Authority.

*Please note if you take your child out of school for a holiday for 7 school days without authorisation then you are likely to receive a **fine**. This is £60 per parent, per child. The fine is issued by the Local Authority and is paid to them.*

Please see the attendance policy on the website for further clarification.

We still require holiday forms to be completed so we know where the children are, even though holidays will be unauthorised unless there is sufficient evidence of exceptional circumstances.

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 carpark unless you need to use the disabled space.

Can we also remind you that the equipment on the playground should not be used before and after school.

Clubs for this half term:

	KS1	KS2
Monday		
Tuesday	Team Games	Booster (Year 6)
Wednesday		Dodgeball Booster (Year 6)
Thursday		Cross country

Tennis

Well done to our Year 3 tennis superstars who won the competition. We are so proud of them and they were impeccably behaved too!