

# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term

May 2017

Thank you for your completed questionnaires, your feedback is important to us. We will send home the summary report at the start of the next half term. The children have also completed questionnaires too as we strongly believe in the importance of pupil voice.

We are exceptionally proud of both our Year 2 and Year 6 who have worked so hard in their Sats during the last few weeks. Their attitudes and effort were a credit to us all!

School requires an additional lunchtime supervisor to act as a play leader to run games with the children on the MUGA during lunchtime. This position is to start in September, working every lunchtime from approximately 11:45 -1:00.

Please speak to the office staff for more information.

Next half term is looking to be very busy already, please see key dates overleaf. We wish all of the children and families a lovely holiday.

Mrs Murray

## E Safety

Share Aware, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. We are led to believe that Nationally under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children.

Just like in real life, children need our help to stay safe online. Teach your child to be **Share Aware** with the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

## Summer Fair

Preparations are underway for our Summer Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please watch out for letters coming home for donations. If you start collecting empty jars too that would be very helpful!

## Dinner Money

Please note dinner money needs to be paid in advance either weekly or monthly. We have an increasing number of parents in arrears which puts a strain on the school budget as we have to pay Taylor Shaw. We would be grateful if accounts could be kept up to date whenever possible.

## Parent Governor

We are currently looking to recruit two new parent governors for September. Ideally we require skills in project management, experience of premises and facilities management or a local business link.

Please contact the school to express an interest.

We would like to thank Leah Hornsby and Gemma Stow for all their hard work and commitment to the school during their terms of office.

## Father's Day Lunch

Letters have been sent home for Father's Day lunch. Please contact the school if you have not received one. Other special males are welcome to attend. Please note children without a visitor will be seated with Mrs Murray and Mr Hatton.

## Readers

We had a great response to the text about extra readers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Jewellery

Please can you help us to reinforce the message that jewellery cannot be worn at school and only small plain studs are acceptable. This is for the children's safety when they are on the playground.

## NEW FITNESS CLASS

STARTING

26TH MAY

9.15-10.15am

KIRK MERRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

£4 PER SESSION

Everyone welcome so why not come along and join in the fun!!!!  
(Younger children welcome with an adult)

**Dates for your diary:**

5.6.17 SCHOOL CLOSED- Teacher Training  
 6.6.17 Photograph Day  
 9.6.17 Year 2 Orienteering  
 12.6.17- 14.6.17 Year 1 Phonic Screening tests  
 13.6.17 Sedgefield Dash  
 15.6.17 Father's Day Lunch  
 30.6.17 Winmarleigh  
 10.7.17 Transition- Moving Up Day for children to spend time in their new classes  
 12.7.17 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm  
 14.7.17 Summer Fair  
 17.7.17 Brass Festival for those children learning to play an instrument (2:30-3:00)  
 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**. Please do not use Class Dojo for absence.

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 next half term:** Please note these are the **new** clubs for after half term. Pop Vocal continues.

	KS1	KS2
<b>Monday</b>		Pop Vocal- <b>(4:15 finish)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rounders- 4:30 finish	Mathletics- Y2,3,4 & 5 -4:30 finish
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zoo Club <b>(4:15 finish)</b>	Cricket -4:30 finish
<b>Thursday</b>		Cheerleading <b>(4:15 finish)</b>

**Free 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.

**Superheroes**

Year 1 are learning about real life superheroes after the holidays. We are looking for any firefighters, police officers, paramedics, doctors, nurses etc. who could come in and talk to the children about their jobs. Please speak to Miss Goldsborough if you can help.