

Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term- 2nd Half

June 2017



Book Fair

The book fair will be open for you to purchase books from 3:15pm- 4:00pm from Monday 12th June to Wednesday 14th June. You will be able to browse the books and purchase drinks. Please see separate letter.

Photographs

We would like to express our thanks to Emma Paling- McGough for photographing the children for us whilst they were engaged in their learning. We will be adding a selection of the photographs to the website soon.

Mrs Murray

Topics for this half term:

Reception: Who lives in a rock pool?

Year 1: Superheroes- People who help us, include famous people from the past

Year 2: Beach Combers- Habitats, food chains and coastal features

Years 3 & 4: Predator- Food chains, parts of plants, fossils

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

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

Alexa, Joshua, Jude, Jo-jo, Victoria, Yazmin, Ruben, Jake R, Pippa, Leon, Molly, Finley Y, Thomas M, Thomas F, Will F, Jasmine, James, Summer, Adam, Poppy W, Maisy, Brooke W



Safeguarding

Please note the school gates and doors are not open until 8:45. There are an increasing number of children arriving earlier and being left unattended.

Children's work

This year we will be sending home the children's work at the end of the summer term. We will however be keeping a sample of books from each year group and these books will stay at school until the children leave us in Year 6.

Summer Fair

Match funding- we are looking for any family or friends of the school who work for Barclays who may be able to match fund our Summer Fair.

Lunchtime Play Leader

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.

Headteacher for the day:

The Year 6 children have been canvassing to be voted Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher for the day. All of the children in the school experienced democracy and were able to vote for their preferred candidates, The winners were Ellie Harrison and Elisa Thompson. Details about the day will be sent home soon!



Dates for your diary:

12.6.17- 14.6.17 Year 1 Phonic Screening tests
13.6.17 Sedgefield Dash
15.6.17 Father's Day Lunch
19.6.17 Reception visit to Seaham
26.6.17 Year 2 visit to Blue Reef
30.6.17 Winmarleigh residential
10.7.17 Transition- Moving Up Day for children to spend time in their new classes
12.7.17 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
13.7.17 End of Year Reports out
14.7.17 Summer Fair 2pm
17.7.17 Brass Festival for those children learning to play an instrument (2:30-3:00)
18.7.17 Year 6 Leavers Trip
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.

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 half term: Please note clubs change every half term

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

Attendance

The school attendance has just fallen **below** the National expectation and is currently **96%**. This is due to a significant number of children being taken out of school on holiday during recent weeks.

Mrs Bell's class is 95.5%

Miss Goldsborough's class is 95.6%

Miss Peat's class is 97.9%

Miss Rawlings class is 97.6%

Mrs Thirkell/ Mrs O'Sullivan's class is 97%

Well done to all of the children who have 100% attendance so far this year!