



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

November 2017

We have lots of events booked in for this half term. Please use the Facebook page or website to keep updated. On a Thursday afternoon at 2pm some local residents, mainly grandparents, come into school to use our café for a cup of tea and a chat. Please feel free to join them or let others know who may be interested!

There was an excellent turn out for parent meetings.

I hope you are feeling fully informed of how your child is doing at school and what they are learning.

Please pop in and see me with any queries or let me know any suggestions for improvements we could make.

Mrs Murray



School Events:

The children had an assembly led by the **school nurse** about **head lice**. They were reminded about keeping their hair tied up, the importance of regularly checking hair and how to treat the lice.

Please note prescriptions for treatments are free at the pharmacy with proof of infestation!! For more information see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Mathletics- Please let us know if you are experiencing difficulties accessing Mathletics at home due to Flash. We can provide children the opportunity to access it at school if needed. Please note there is a Mathletics App for use on Ipad and tablets.

Anti-Bullying Week- Children have been asked to wear odd socks to start the week on Monday 13th November to celebrate difference. The theme of the week is, "all different, all equal."

Children in Need- Children can wear their pyjamas for a donation on Friday 17th November.

The children learn about **E-safety** at school regularly. **Safer Internet Day** this year is on Tuesday 6th February. As part of this the children will be showing parents what they have been learning in an assembly at 2pm on Thursday 8th February. After the assembly there will be an information session for parents.

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

Evan L, Elliot, Harriet, Harrison, Beth, Scout, Etta, Emma, Kayla, Emilie, Kate, Neve, Thailia, Molly A, Leon B, Grace T, Connor, Isabelle, Jack B-S, Mae, Stephanie, Ben G, Tilly, Maiya & Ava



Scarecrows-

Sadly there were only 3 scarecrows this year and so all of the entrants got a small prize. We were therefore unable to do our usual voting, which is a shame. Well done to Leon & Layla, Gracie and Yazmin!



PTA- Friends of Kirk Merrington

We are looking to **Match Fund** our Christmas Fair again if anyone knows any friends or relatives who could help we would be really grateful?

We are still looking to recruit a **play leader** for lunchtimes. Please contact the office for more details.

Comments Book- There is a comments book in the school office should you wish to give us any feedback. We also have a suggestions box if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are available in the entrance should you wish to make a donation. Please note the Royal British Legion are accepting any old one pound coins you may have!

Starlight

School received £13.80 from the Starlight bags. Thank you for the donations.



Dates for your diary:

13.11.17 Anti-Bullying Week- Odd socks day
17.11.17 Year 6 out at the Safety Carousel / Children in Need- **wear your pyjamas for a donation**
6.12.17 Nasal Spray- Flu prevention for Reception, Year 1,2,3 & 4
13.12.17 Reception, Year 1 and 2 Pantomime Visit
15.12.17 Christmas Fair 2pm
19.12.17 Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play 2pm
20.12.17 Years 3,4, 5 & 6 Christmas Play 2pm
21.12.17 Carol Service at St John's Church
22.12.17 Teacher Training- PD Day (School Closed)
11.1.18 KS2 Pantomime
14th- 17th May 2018 Year 6 SATs
25.5.18 Teacher Training- PD Day (School Closed)
11.6.18 Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

Attendance

In order to maximise their learning the 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.

Attendance is monitored regularly and we are expected to notify you when your child's attendance falls below 95%. Attendance below 90% is considered to be "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 before 9am when your child is absent as we need to make sure that the children are safe and where they should be. (01388 816230)

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	Multi Skills (4:30)	Mathletics (4:30) Netball (4:30)
Wednesday	Craft Club (4:15)	Basketball (4:30)
Thursday		Cheerleading (4:15)

Sunflowers

Sadly our tallest sunflower was not the tallest one in the competition. The winning one came from Cockfield Primary with a height of 375cms.