



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 3

February 2018

We were thrilled this week to receive a letter from the MP Nick Gibb complimenting us on the progress the children made last year. Thank you for all of the lovely comments on our Facebook page.

It has been a very busy start to the term with letters home. This has been made even more complicated due to children being absent before the holidays with sickness. Hopefully you all now have the information you need!

Please note that school are regularly in communication with the Road Safety Team regarding our crossing patrol. Unfortunately the cover has been moved to a site deemed to be of higher risk.

Mrs Murray

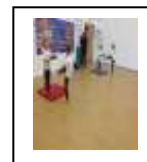
School Events:

Wind Road Boys

Rehearsals are now underway. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the sessions and are very much looking forward to their performance on Saturday 10th March at 1pm.

Taekwondo

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a Taekwondo taster session on Wednesday. We are keen to give children opportunities to try new sports which they might like to take up to be active out of school.



Visit to Eden Camp

The Year 6 children had a great time visiting Eden Camp as part of their topic on WW2. It is such a fantastic place to visit and worth the long journey!

Multi Skills Festival

On Friday the reception children attended a multi skills festival at Whitworth Park. It is great for them to experience some competitive sports and we are delighted to say that we won!! Well done children.

Cycling

The Year 1 children have started their cycling sessions. It was lovely to seeing them all riding around the playground!

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

Jacob N, Lucy F, Ruby H, Paige A, Jake H, Katie H, Charlie C, Ethan C, Imogen B, Sophie E, Vincent T, Amy W, Ben K-W & Oliver J

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Parents Evening

Letter have been sent home for appointments.

Mother's Day Lunch

We are delighted to be able to invite Mum's for lunch on Wednesday 7th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Friends of Kirk Merrington

I would like to thank our PTA for organising the Disco at the end of last term. Their time is very much appreciated.

World Book Day- Thursday 1st March

Children will be having a special themed lunch on that day and not their usual menu.

Book Fair

We are holding our annual Book Fair on **Friday 2nd March**. As Children are invited to **dress as their favourite book character**. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume in each year group.

Friends and family are invited to join us from **2:30pm**- this will be an opportunity to purchase books, refreshments will also be available.

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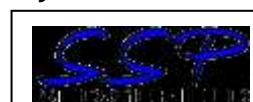
Please check out the Facebook page for regular updates and pictures of what the children are learning in school.

2 DAY EASTER SPORTS CAMPS ONLY £20 run by the SSP

Tues 3rd & Wed 4th April 9am-3pm @ Kirk Merrington Primary School

OR BOOK ON INDIVIDUAL DAYS FOR ONLY £12

Bookings can be made at www.sedgefieldssp.org.uk



Dates for your diary:

1.3.18 World Book Day- themed school lunch
 2.3.18 Book Fair 2:30pm- Dress up as a character
 5.3.18 Parent Meetings 3:30-6:00
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 7.3.18 Mother's Day Lunch
 8.3.18 Year 4/5 visit to Beamish
 29.3.18 start of Easter holidays
 16.4.18 Back to school
 7th May- 18th May Year 2 SATs
 14th- 17th May 2018 Year 6 SATs
 25.5.18 Teacher Training- PD Day (**School Closed**)
 11.6.18 Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
 20.7.18 Last day before the Summer holidays

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.

Clubs for this half term:

	KS1	KS2
Monday	Dance (4:30 finish)	
Tuesday	Mathletics for Y2	KS2 Tag Rugby (4:30 finish) Mathletics- free Y6 Booster- free (4:30 finish)
Wednesday KS2 Dance 8am	KS1 Tennis (4:30 finish)	German- free (4:30 finish) Kodu (free computing club Y4,5 & 6)
Thursday		Recorders- free (lunchtime) Fitness (4:30 finish)
Friday		Dance (4:30 finish)

Please can you let us know when children are going home with someone different. You could ring the school or email if you prefer.