



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 1

April 2018

We have had three new children join the school and so we would like to welcome Niall, Neive and Thomas to Kirk Merrington. It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week and the children have enjoyed being able to play on the grass. Some of the older children have particularly enjoyed being able to play football using our new goals! We will be sending out our annual Parent Questionnaires at the start of next week to gather your views on the school. We have just invested in another set of new laptops in order for us to continue to provide high quality Computing. Please see the new dates on the back for events as I know some of you need to book time off work in order to attend.

Mrs Murray

School Events:

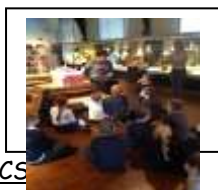
Forbidden Corner

The Year 1 children loved their visit to The Forbidden Corner as part of their topic The Enchanted Woodland. A great day was had by all!



Durham Castle

As part of their new topic on Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, the Year 2 children visited Durham Castle.



PCS

The Year 6 class had a visit from the PCSO to talk to them about Internet

Hardwick Park

On Friday the reception children have visited Hardwick Park- we will add some photographs to Facebook!

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

James M, Tia F, Jacob, Tommie, Jack S, Leah, Cameron, Jake Ha, Ben C, Adie, Archie, Daisy, Alfie, Brody, Sophie, Callie, Chloe, Alexa and Thomas M



Governors

Our Governors have been busy writing pen portraits about themselves. Please look on the school website to read more about them!

We would like to welcome Drew Middleton as our new Parent Governor. He currently has a child in our Reception class.

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. School made £776 which will be used towards new books and resources.

Year 6

The Year 6 children are working extra hard now for the final weeks before their Sats tests.

Some of their Secondary School transition events have started with more planned over the next term.

The children have been given a budget for an end of Sats celebration and so they will be choosing what to spend it on!!

Royal Wedding

To celebrate the Royal Wedding on Friday 18th May we are having a non-uniform day where children can wear red, white or blue. They will work in their family groups and have the day off their usual timetable!

Donations

We are appealing for your generosity once again.

We have lots of planters around school without any plants. We are looking for any donations of plants, seedlings or compost which the children could use to help Mr Hatton to plant. Fruit or vegetable plants would be particularly welcome!

We would also be interested in making links with any organisations if you have any contacts ☺



Dates for your diary:

Year 4/5 visit to be confirmed!

7th May- 18th May Year 2 SATs

14th- 17th May 2018 Year 6 SATs

18.5.18 Royal Wedding Celebration- non- uniform-children can wear red, white and blue

22.5.18 Year 3/4 visit to the Archaeology Museum

25.5.18 Teacher Training- PD Day (**School Closed**)

4.6.18 Phototronics to take class photographs

11.6.18 Year 1 Phonic Screening Check

12.6.18 Father's Day Lunch

13-15.6.18 Kingswood Residential

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Date to be confirmed as we are waiting to find out transition days from St Johns

18.7.18 Sports Day 1:15pm

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)	Rugby (4:30 finish)
Tuesday	Athletics (4:30 finish) Mathletics for Y2	Mathletics- free (4:30 finish)
Wednesday	KS2 Dance 8am Craft club-free (4:15 finish)	Tennis (4:30 finish)
Thursday		Cross Country- free (4:30 finish) Spanish - Lingotots (4:30 finish)
Friday		Dance (4:30 finish)

Little Darlings

If your child goes into club after school then please could you let their teacher know the arrangements. Thank you