



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 3

October 2018

The children have all been working hard this half term. I am sure you have heard all about some of their fantastic topic lessons and enjoyed seeing their work during the parent meetings. Lots of children have already been out on visits and had memorable experiences in school.

I have included key dates for you overleaf, including the Christmas plays.

New club letters have been sent home and places issued ready for after the half term.

I hope the children enjoy their half term break.

Mrs Murray

School Events:

Class 4 enjoyed a Stone Age adventure day at Hardwick Park. They made Stone Age maps from natural materials, used maps to orienteer around the park and created shelters and fires. It was fantastic fun and we all think we could now survive as Stone Age men and women!

Year 2 are very excited to be sharing their work this half term in their Dinosaur Museum.

PE kit

Please ensure children have suitable outdoor PE kit. They go outside in all weathers and some of them are still wearing shorts!!

Cake

If you send birthday cakes into school please ensure they are cut into the correct number of pieces for the class.



PTA Thank you for your support for the **Macmillan** coffee afternoon we have sent over £200 to this fantastic charity. The PTA have just bought a set of Glockenspiels for Year 2 music lessons and a set of recorders for Year 3. We are very grateful to them for their support and of course to all of our parents who support school events to raise funds.

Facebook

Both our school website www.kirkmerrington.durham.sch.uk and our Facebook page- **Kirk Merrington Primary School**- are a good source of information about school.

There is also a private group on Facebook called: **Parents and families of KMPS** who also share information.

Paper copies of the newsletter are always available in Reception if you require one to share dates with other family members.

School Council

The children have organised a successful Rainbow Day. They wanted to celebrate everyone being individual. Thank you for your donations.

We also put it to the school council about whether we continue to attend the Pantomime as we know many of our children attend them with their families.

They felt very strongly that we still go!

The next Family Group focus will be based around Remembrance.



Sports

We are so proud of our football team who came 2nd in the Spennymoor SSP football league. Our best result ever!!!

The **Sports Crew** have been running a Hula Hooping competition on the playground for the children to take part in in their family groups.

This was won by Blue Penguins who scored 919 points, well done children!

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby competition on 16.10.18.

They came 7th out of 27 schools and 3rd in their Championship group.



Dates for your diary: * Some Durham school holidays next year are different to other local authorities.

16.11.18 Book Fair- Children in Need tea and coffee (2:30pm)

31.10.18 Stay and Play session for the Reception parents- 2pm

12.11.18 Anti-bullying Week and Parliament Week

26.11.18 **PD Day**- School closed

5.12.18 Flu (Nasal Spray) for R,1,2,3,4 and 5.

7.12.18 Christmas Fair- 2pm

18.12.18 Christmas Play for Rec, Y1 and Y2 at 2pm

19.12.18 Christmas Play for Y3,4, 5 + 6 at 2pm

21.12.18 Christmas party day- children to wear Christmas jumper/their own clothes -for a donation please

Attendance

Please note that school does not authorise holidays in term time. Fines will be issued when 7 school days are missed. Please try to ensure appointments are made out of school hours. When this is not possible please ensure that children are in school at 9am or 1pm for their registration.

Good attendance is rewarded each term.

School Attendance: 96.6% - *(The National Average is 96%)*

Miss Tomlinson: 96.5%

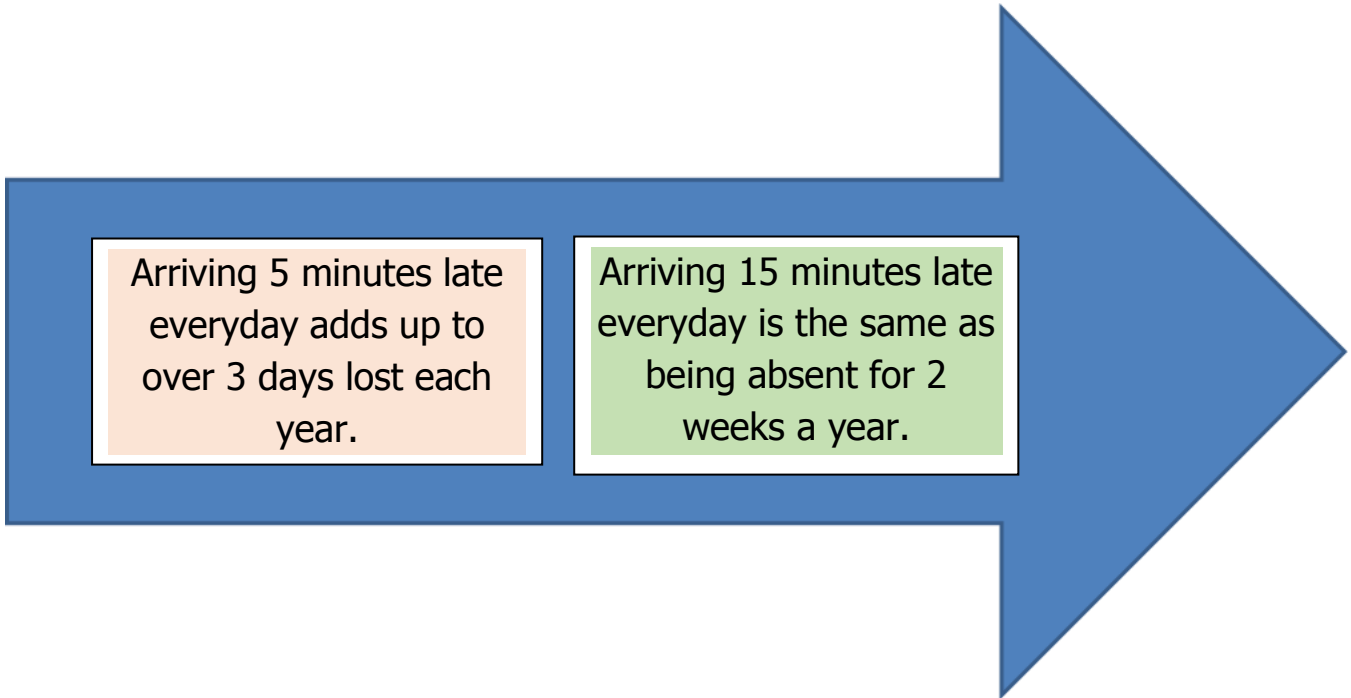
Mrs Bell: 98.2%

Miss Goldsborough: 98.6%

Miss Rawlings: 95.8%

Mrs Thirkell: 95.5%

Mrs O'Sullivan: 96.6%



Arriving 5 minutes late everyday adds up to over 3 days lost each year.

Arriving 15 minutes late everyday is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.

Safeguarding

Please contact the school if your child is unwell by 9am on **01388 816230** rather than using the Dojo system

Children need to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of either sickness or diarrhoea.

Please ensure you let school know of any changes in contact details.