



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

November 2018

It is that time of year again when school gets very busy preparing for Christmas. Please see important dates overleaf. Tickets for performances will be coming home soon! New club letters for next half term will also be coming home. We are pleased to be developing our links with the pre-school and they have started to bring the children to use our school hall every week. This is a lovely way of starting the transition process for the children. In the New Year we will be running some information meetings for parents for both Maths and English. We hope this will help you to know what is expected at school and how best to help your child at home. *Mrs Murray*

School Events:

The children across the school all learned about different aspects of Remembrance, from the animals in the war to the soldiers from Kirk Merrington Village. We had a special assembly which was attended by the Mayor, Mayoress, Councillor Sproat and Reverend Barbara. Each class showed what they had been learning and we then had a two minutes silence. I was so proud of the children and our visitors were highly impressed.

Parliament Week

Each class explored Democracy in different ways, including votes for women.

Anti-bullying Week

The children have been learning about the different forms bullying can take.

They all signed a contract which made a whole school banner.

Children in Need

The children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and thinking about things they could feel grateful for. Thanks to your donations school was able to send £120 to this fantastic charity.



PTA Thank you for your support through attending the book fair. School took over £800 which means £500 in new books. The PTA are now busy preparing for the Christmas fair. As always any donations are gratefully received.

Free School Meals

If your family circumstances have changed you may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals.

You can apply for **free school meals** if you receive any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or **Child Tax Credit**, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less.

If you are eligible then your child will receive a **free school lunch- saving £10.25 per week**. School also receives additional funding which can be used towards **subsidising visits, clubs, music lessons** or providing additional support in class.

School also receives £300 in funding if a parent is serving in the armed forces.

This information is confidential and other children, parents etc. do not know. The children themselves do not usually know! In order for us to check we only need your date of birth and National Insurance number. Please speak to Mrs Murray or Mrs Smith who can answer any questions you may have.

Sports

We have lots of children who are particularly talented at gymnastics who are regularly competing and winning medals in competitions at weekends.

Our Netball team have been busy representing the school at FBEC playing in matches against lots of local schools. They have improved each week and managed to keep their enthusiasm and team spirit despite coming last overall!

The Year 2 children have attended a Multi-skills Festival where they had the opportunity to develop their skills in different sports. Tilly and Isla were chosen for their impressive performance!

Dates for your diary:

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
13.12.18 School Christmas Lunch
18.12.18 Christmas Play for Rec, Y1 and Y2 at 2pm
19.12.18 Christmas Play for Y3,4, 5 + 6 at 2pm
20.12.18 Christmas Crafts day
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: 97% - (The National Average is 96%)

Miss Tomlinson: 96.1%

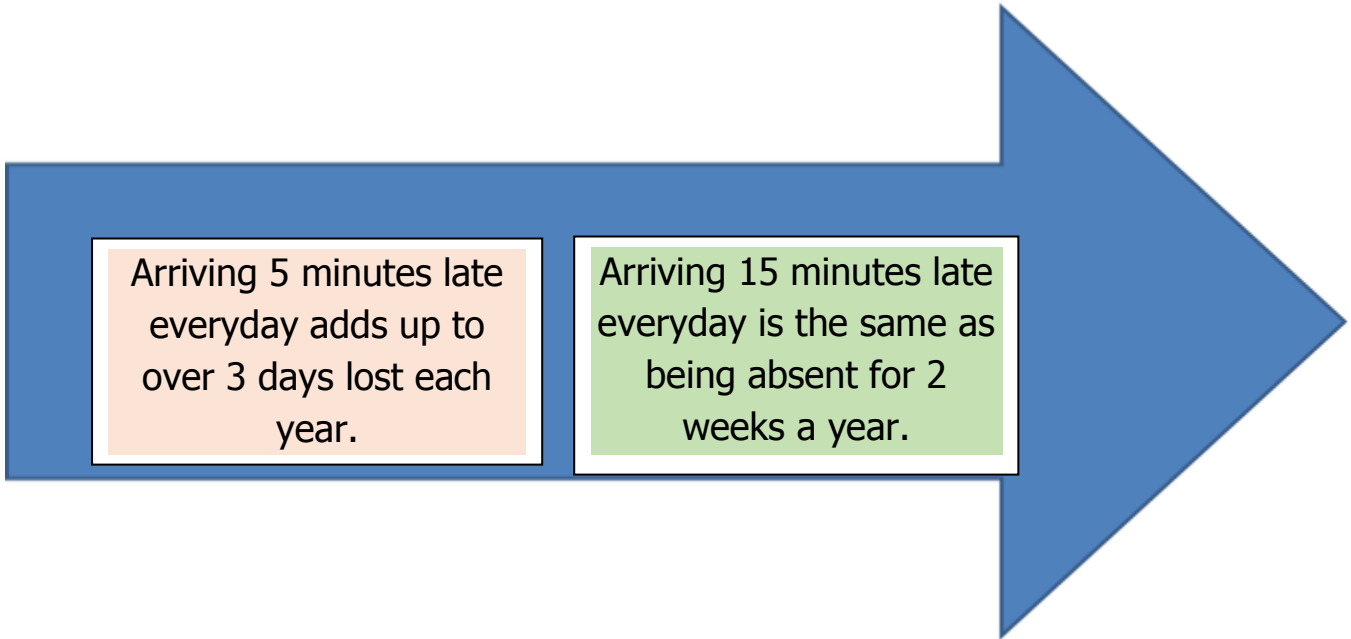
Mrs Bell: 98.4%

Miss Goldsborough: 98.4%

Miss Rawlings: 96.6%

Mrs Thirkell: 97%

Mrs O'Sullivan: 96%



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 do not allow children on the grass or **play equipment** when collecting children at the end of the day.

We continue to share your concerns around the **crossing patrol**. Please contact the Road Safety team on 03000 268166 for information.

We have increasing numbers of complaints from residents in the village about parking.

Please park with consideration for others but particularly with consideration for the safety of the children.