



# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

December 2018

Another term is already over, there is always so much happening and the weeks just seem to fly by. We have welcomed some new families to school and we now have 131 children at KMPS.

Please keep the newsletter safe as it has some key dates for your diary.

Clubs for next year will begin on 14<sup>th</sup> January. (except Techy Tots and KS2 Magic Maths)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generous gifts for staff.

We wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mrs Murray

## School Events:

It has been a very busy last week, which included a visit from Father Christmas.

We had our two fantastic Christmas performances of Baubles and Straw and Order.

The children did such a fantastic job of singing, learning lines and acting!

Next year there will be two performances of each show as we struggled to accommodate everyone in the school hall.

The children have enjoyed some Christmas crafts, the PTA disco, Christmas parties and some Dvds too!

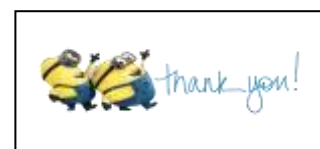


## PTA

Thank you for your support for the Christmas Fair. We are delighted to have raised over £1000 and for Barclays to Match Fund this for us.

Thank you also to everyone who put hours of time in to make the fair a success.

The PTA would always welcome new members.



## 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

The Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed their Gymnastics festival. As always our children were a credit to the school.

We continue to offer a range of clubs in an attempt to encourage more children to be active.

### Dates for your diary:

7.1.19 Back to School  
15.1.19 Year 1 Visit to Preston Park  
16.1.19 Year 1 Multi Skills Festival  
16.1.19 School Nurse to speak to the children about teeth brushing  
18.1.19 School Nurse to deliver Handwashing session to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
21.1.19 Year 5 puberty talk from the School Nurse  
22.1.19 Year 4/5 Visit to the Hancock Museum  
22.1.19 Year 6 Basketball Competition  
15.2.19 Last day of the half term  
28.3.19 Mother's Day Lunch  
5.4.19 Last day of the term -Easter Holidays- return 23.4.19  
**7.5.19 Year 2 Sats start for 2 weeks**  
**13.5.19 Year 6 Sats**  
24.5.19 Teacher Training Day- **School Closed**  
**10.6.19 Year 1 Phonic Screening tests**  
19.7.19 Last day of term

### Attendance

The following children have **100% attendance** for the term:

Hunter, Ada, Joseph A, Joel, Cameron, Alexa, Imogen, Autumn, Alfie, Maiya, Layla, Ethan, Ben Ch, Charlie Ch, Sophie C, Lilly, Harriet, Thomas F, Charlotte, Alex, Ava, Ruby, Yazmin, Oliver J, Amelia, Neive, Ben K-W, Jake L, Sophie L, Thomas M, Mae, James, Chloe, Ben R, Isaac, Sophie R, Victoria, Romilly, Tilly, Thomas T, Thomas V, Poppy W & Finley Y.

Well done children, this is a fantastic achievement!



**School Attendance:** 97% - *(The National Average is 96%)*

Miss Tomlinson: 96%

Mrs Bell: 97.5%

Miss Goldsborough: 97.5%

Miss Rawlings: 97.1%

Mrs Thirkell: 97%

Mrs O'Sullivan: 97%

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.

### 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.

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

**Please do not use the staff car park, even for collecting from clubs. We have had a near miss where a car was driven on the path.**