



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term

April 2019

26 children continue to have **100%** attendance which is a fantastic achievement! The children all received a certificate and a Headteacher's dojo. We have an increasing number of children arriving late, please try to have them in school by 8:55am. It has been brought to my attention that there are an increasing number of children with chocolate in their packed lunch. Schools have to promote healthy eating and reducing sugar consumption. The packed lunch policy states that chocolate bars not allowed. A small kit-kat or items you would buy in the biscuit aisle in the supermarket are allowed but full chocolate bars and sweets are not. (These would be considered a treat and so not eaten as part of a meal) We are a nut free school as we have a child with a nut allergy and so Nutella is not permitted. I am sure you will agree that jam and chocolate spread are not healthy sandwich options. I understand some children are very fussy but we need to try to teach them good eating habits for the future. I wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Murray

School Events:

We have had a Maths information meeting, a Year 6 Sats meeting and full parent consultation meetings. We hope that you found these useful and feel fully informed about your child's next steps. The date for the English meeting has now been set.

Mother's Day lunch was extremely well attended. It is lovely to see children enjoying having their visitors in school. Special thanks to our school cook Sam and the Taylor Shaw staff who all worked really hard to help make the day a success.

Resilience Training- Staff have received resilience training. This was both for themselves and for supporting children.

We had some eggcellent entries for the Easter Egg decorating competition- Well done to all the winners!



Pupil Voice- Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have spoken to the school Meals provider- Taylor Shaw. They have called themselves the "Food Council." As a result of this the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to have a "Grab bag" on a Thursday lunchtime during the summer term. (A ready-made packed lunch) They will then be able to help themselves and not queue!

Class Dojo

Please note our Dojo system is a great way to pass messages to the teacher or to myself. However there are times when we are not logged in and so it may take some time for you to get a response. Urgent messages are best passed to the person on the gate who will record it in the book and ensure it is passed on immediately.

Behaviour- we have introduced some corridor monitors. Their job is to ensure children walk through school quietly at lunchtime and use the toilets appropriately (not as a play area!) We are keen to ensure our high standards of behaviour are maintained in corridors as well as in the classrooms.

Sats- after the holidays both the Year 2 children and the Year 6 children will be sitting their Sats assessments. We are very conscious to avoid any anxiety amongst the children. Please help us by reinforcing the message that as long as the children try their best that is any of us can ask!

Safeguarding

The **school crossing patrol** has resigned from his post. The team currently have an advert out for his replacement.

Please do not use the staff car park, even for collecting from clubs.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school, especially as the weather becomes warmer.



Dates for your diary:

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**

3.6.19 Year 6 children will have a **Resilience Workshop** to help with transition to secondary school

4.6.19 Year 1 & Year 2 English Meeting for parents

5.6.19 School Photographs- groups + classes

6.6.19 Years 3,4,5 & 6 English Meeting for parents

10.6.19 Year 1 Phonic Screening tests

28.6.19 Summer Fair (2pm- children can bring money if you are unable to attend)

1.7.19- 3.7.19 Winmarleigh Hall Residential for Y5 + Y6

17.7.10 **Sports Day** (1:15pm * please do not arrive before 1pm as the children will be on their lunch break)

19.7.19 Last day of term

*The date of the Y6 Leaver Service is yet to be confirmed. This is because we have to check with the Secondary schools that they will not be out on transition. This year our children will be moving on to 6 different schools!

Attendance

Please telephone the school if your child is going to be absent. We need to know where they are and why they are off. 01388 816230

School Attendance: 97.3% - (The National Average is 96%)

Miss Tomlinson: 96.4%

Mrs Bell: 97.3%

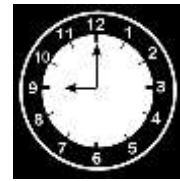
Miss Goldsborough: 97.9%

Miss Rawlings: 97.3%

Mrs Thirkell: 97.3%

Mrs O'Sullivan: 9.47%

School starts at 9am. Don't be late!



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.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for their work with the Easter raffle and for organising the disco. As always their time is greatly appreciated.

Thank you also for the egg donations. This helped to raise £134.00

Sporting News

We are very proud of our dance group who attended the Dance Festival and were awarded the **Best Musical Interpretation** award. The children spent weeks choosing the moves and learning the routine so it is lovely to see that their hard work has paid off!

Our school **football team** won the Spennymoor Schools Football League!!! We are so Impressed with them. This is a fabulous accolade for the school.

Thanks to Miss Goldsborough and Miss Wilson for giving up their time to take them



Well done to our **Netball team** who won the Bronze medals this week. They will now be competing in the final in a few weeks' time!

