



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term

May 2019

Thank you for your feedback on the questionnaires. We have also been completing pupil questionnaires in school. I have some concerns about comments around behaviour. We have an increasing number of children in school with recognised Special Needs such as, ADHD and Autism. At times they find it difficult to control their behaviour in the same way that others do. As we are inclusive of all children we sometimes we have to manage their behaviour in other ways. We communicate closely with their parents and aim to educate the children about the needs of others. Please come and speak to others about any behaviour concerns but particularly those where you feel it may be considered bullying. We are now busy with our children helping to prepare them for their transition. This includes the children in school who will be having a Moving Up morning on 11th July 2019.

I wish you all a lovely half term break.

Mrs Murray

School Events:

Sats- Both our Year 2 children and Year 6 children have been sitting their Sats tests. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, they really have demonstrated great perseverance and resilience. Both of which we endeavour to build in the children to stand them in great stead for future challenges!

Visits

Miss Rawling's class have had a visitor in school who brought lots of Anglo Saxon artefacts to help bring their topic alive. Miss Rawling's class have also visited St John's church to learn about Liturgical Colours! Thanks as always to Reverend Barbara for her time.

Mrs Bell's class have been for a walk around the Village to learn more about their local area.

Lateness

The number of children arriving late is causing concern. Some children are late almost on a daily basis. This reflects badly on the school as well as making the children feel unsettled and embarrassed. Please ensure all children are on the playground by 8:55am.

Lunchtime supervisor- We are looking to recruit a new lunchtime supervisor to join our team working from 11:35-1:00pm helping children with their lunch and supervising their play.

Please speak to the school office for more information.

I would like to say Thank You to Mrs Woolford for her hard work during her time here.



Father's Day Lunch

Thank you for returning your reply slips for Father's Day Lunch. We understand that not all families are the same and so we welcome any special person to the child coming for lunch. Times will be sent out after the holiday. We aim for Reception, Y1 and Y2 to come for 11:30am and then the older children to be at 12:30pm.

Clubs- we are trialling a new style of club letter where all clubs are on the same page.

We hope this makes it easier for parents to see what is on offer.

We are pleased to have been able to offer such a wide range of clubs throughout the year.

I would like to say Thank You to the staff who give up their time after school for the children.



Safeguarding

The **school crossing patrol** team are still trying to recruit a replacement but as yet have not received any applications.

The school governors have requested a zebra or pedestrian crossing and so we are awaiting the outcome of an assessment from traffic management team.

Please do not use the staff car park, two staff members have had their cars damaged this year.

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

Children also need to wear sun cream as our playground is very exposed. Staff can help children to re-apply cream if they bring some to put on at lunchtime.



Dates for your diary:

24.5.19 Teacher Training Day- **School Closed**
4.6.19 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 this week
14.6.19 Father's Day Lunch 11:30am/ 12:30pm
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
10.7.19 Y6 Leaver Service 2pm
11.7.19 Moving Up Morning- Children will spend the morning in their next class with their new teacher
11.7.19 Summer Disco
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
*Back to school on Wednesday 4th September 2019

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: 97.4% - (The National Average is 96%)

Miss Tomlinson: 96.7%

Mrs Bell: 97.3%

Miss Goldsborough: 98.1%

Miss Rawlings: 97.5%

Mrs Thirkell: 97.1%

Mrs O'Sullivan: 97.7%

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

The PTA have sent out letters for the Summer Fair. Any donations would be greatly received. If anyone knows anyone who works at Barclays who could match fund the fair we would be very grateful!

Sporting News

Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children have represented the school in an athletics competition where they came 13th out of 26 schools. Lots of children came in the top three in their heats. A special well done to Victoria who came 3rd in the shot put and to Jack S who came 1st in the 800 meters and is now going on to represent Sedgfield SSP at the county finals.

Well done to all of you who participated, some children had to challenge themselves just to be brave enough to take part!

Our Girls Football team are out today representing the school in a Football Cup competition. We look forward to hearing how they got on!

Sports Crew- some of the children have told me they are unhappy that the playground equipment is not always used properly. The Sports Crew have been tasked with monitoring this and helping to ensure equipment is stored correctly and not damaged.