



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

September 2019

I would like to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Kirk Merrington Primary School. The children are all looking very smart in their new uniforms. It has been lovely catching up with them and hearing about their news from over the holidays.

We always have huge amounts of lost property each year due to uniform without names on. Please can I make a plea for you to label all clothing as it ends up being thrown away as charity shops are unable to accept them. This includes all items of PE kits, packed lunch bags, shoes and coats ☺

We have a good range of after school clubs on offer this half term. You should have received letters already. They start next week so please check for a text to let you know they have a place.

Please email the school if you have any queries. We have an open door policy and so you are welcome to come in and speak to me or arrange an appointment. We look forward to a fun and hard-working half term.

Mrs Murray

School Events:

Meet the Teacher Meetings were held yesterday- I hope you found these useful for you to know what the children will be learning and the best way to help them at home. If you missed the meeting please request the handouts from the teacher.

We are currently in the process of recruiting our new school council members. These children are voted on by their class mates where we take the opportunity to talk to the children about Democracy.

The staff are busy booking visits for the children. Letters for some classes will be sent out soon.

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday this half term to -

Anya, Isabelle, Gabriel, Sonny, Willow, Thomas V, Brooke, Kallum, Gracie, Hunter, Chase, Fearne, Izzie, Poppy S, Amalia, Finlay H, Edward, Stanley, Autumn, Isla, Evie, Ewan, Layla, Grace, Billie-Jo, Joseph, Joel, Alexis, Harriet, Harrison, Kasey, Beth and Scout.



Lateness

School starts at 8:55am when the gates shut. If your child has to come through the main door they are often late for registration.

This provides a very unsettling start to the day for them.

Please try to have them here on time.

PE Kits

Please can you make sure that your child has both an indoor and **outdoor** PE kit in school at all times. They all need trainers for them to be able to fully participate in lessons.

PE kits should be brought in on a Monday to stay at school all week.

Water

Children need a water bottle with them every day- no juice please.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Catterson as a Teaching Assistant in Reception.

Flu Nasal Spray

The immunisation team will be in school on 16.10.19 to administer a nasal flu spray to all of the children. If you would like your child to receive the spray you need to go online and give consent. Please log on to:

www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent you will be asked to enter a code for the school which is: **Code: 114074**

This needs to be done by Monday 7th October.

Dates for your diary:

Please see a separate calendar of events for you to keep for the year. Hopefully this will help you to know what is coming up.

Change in circumstances

Please let us know if you have changed mobile numbers or there has been any changes in your family circumstances.

School Lunches

Please keep your Parent Pay in credit. Dinner money needs to be put on for the week ahead in order for the money to be transferred to Taylor Shaw.

Dogs

Unfortunately dogs are not permitted on the school grounds and need to be left outside the gate.

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.

Lateness

The school gates are open from **8:45- 8:55am** in order to provide a flexible drop off. The registers are taken at 9am so any children arriving after this time are considered late. In line with our policy if your child is late more than twice in one half term then you will receive a letter home. Children feel embarrassed by being late and often miss the start of lessons. Please try to be on time!



Please contact the school if your child is unwell by 9am on 01388 816230

Percentage	Days Absence	Comment	Achievement
Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence per year	Excellent Attendance	These children will almost certainly achieve their full potential in school
95-96%	10 days absence per year	Missing 2 weeks of school every year	These children are likely to achieve but could still improve their attendance!
90% - 94%	19 days absence per year	Missing one month of school every year	These children will find it hard to achieve their best in school
85% - 89%	29 days absence per year	Missing six weeks of school every year	These children will find it very difficult to keep up with work in school and are unlikely to achieve their potential
80% - 84%	38 days absence per year	Missing a year of school over the time spent in primary education	These children will find it almost impossible to keep up with their work.

Safeguarding

Please do not let children play on the equipment in the playground after school. We are not able to accept any responsibility for accidents that happen at this time.

Please let us know if you need to access the **disabled space** in our school car park. The gates are kept closed during the start and end of school for the children's safety. The school car park is for staff only.