



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

November 2019

The children have had a lovely half term celebrating the wider curriculum with work around anti-bullying in family groups, celebrating difference and diversity with odd socks, Children in Need, book fair, learning to look after the environment with an Eco assembly and celebrating live theatre with a pantomime. We always like to celebrate children's achievements from out of school in assembly on a Monday so feel free to let them bring in medals or certificates etc.

The children have really made me proud with their super behaviour and attitudes on visits and towards visitors. We are regularly commended by others about how well behaved and polite they are. The school development partner recently visited and described us as having, "impeccable behaviour." Well done everyone!

Mrs Murray

School Events:

The children had a fabulous morning watching the pantomime Snow White. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience live theatre which has been paid for by the PTA. Thank you so much to them!



School Councils:

The Year 5 and 6 members of the school council are visiting North Park Primary on 21.11.19 to work with their school council. The plan is for them to share ideas about projects they are working on and then feed back to the rest of our council. They have also met with Taylor Shaw this week to discuss ideas for school lunches.

Reading:

Last week some of our [school governors](#) were in school hearing children read.

The reading in the school is excellent. Our children progress well through the reading scheme so they can read fluently and with comprehension. Most of our children read [three times per week](#) at home to an adult and the children like to earn their Dojos and reading prizes.

We are very lucky to have lots of [adult reading helpers](#) who come into school every week to hear the children read, this is invaluable to us and we are really grateful for their time and commitment to the school.

We have spent £1000 on [new reading books](#) at the start of this year. Please help the children learn to look after them. If you find any misplaced books at home we would be very pleased if you could return them.

We are going to be encouraging the children more to borrow one of our [library books](#). We know some children like audio books, listening to stories on tablets and books from home but it is really helpful for them to have a range of reading experiences. We are really keen to promote children reading for pleasure!



PTA:

Thank you to the PTA who have recently bought some new furniture for the reception class.

This includes a new kitchen which the children have enjoyed playing with!

Film Nights:

Tickets are now on sale in the main office for £2 if you would like to purchase one.



School Gates

Please note children who walk to school on their own are not supervised until the gates open at 8:45am. Please do not let them arrive too early.

Water

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

School Lunches

Please keep your Parent Pay in credit. You should ensure there is money on there in advance of them having a meal.

Sporting Achievements

Our netball team have been participating in a netball league at FBEC- thank you to Miss Wilson and Miss Goldsborough for accompanying them after school for these sessions. As always the children demonstrate excellent team spirit and are always amazing ambassadors for our school. They were the winners and won gold!!!! They only conceded two goals throughout the entire time.



Dates for your diary: (Please see your calendar for additional dates)

2.12.19 School Closed for Teacher Training

10.12.19 Christmas Film night for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (tickets are now on sale £2)

11.12.19 School Christmas lunch

12.12.19 Christmas Film night for Year 3,4,5 & 6 children (tickets are now on sale £2)

17.12.19 KS1 Christmas Play 10am or 2pm (tickets are now on sale at 50p)

18.12.19 KS2 Christmas Play 10am or 2pm (tickets are now on sale at 50p)

19.12.19 Reception (EYFS) Christmas songs at 2:30pm- no tickets needed

20.12.19 Christmas parties- children can come in their party clothes **Break up for Christmas**

6.1.20 Back to School

Attendance

Please let us know if your child is going to be **absent**. If they are unwell we need to know a reason to record on the register. If you are at an appointment or on holiday we also need paperwork as evidence.

If we do not know where children are then they are considered, "missing in education" and we have to contact the Local Authority.

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.

Our school attendance is 97.3% and remains above the National Expectations.

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 by 9am on 01388 816230

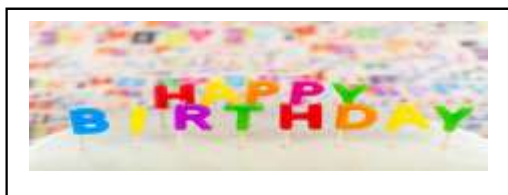
Please let us know if you have changed mobile numbers or there has been any changes in your family circumstances.



Safeguarding

It's that time of year again when we need to prepare for inclement weather. Please feel free to use the yellow grit bin outside of school to grit the path down to the road. The bin is there for public use.

Birthdays



We would like to wish Happy Birthday this half term to:

Thomas T, Etta, Leo, Lily-Mae, Jess, Emma, Kate, Neve, Isla St, Joey, Thailia, Molly, Leon, Eleanor, Connor, Isabelle, Mae, Steph, Jo, Harry, Ben & Tilly