



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 2

June 2020

It is very strange in school without all of the children here! The children have adapted to the changes so well, it has been lovely to hear them playing outside.

As you can imagine we are desperate to hear from the Government whether we can open fully in September. We will let you know as soon as we know.

We are hoping to be fully open but we need to find out what measures need putting in place around bubbles and whether we have to stagger starts and finish times etc.

School will close on Friday 17th July for all pupils, including those of critical workers. Apart from May half term we have been open the whole time and so staff need their holiday entitlement and we need to prepare for September.

School will re-open on Wednesday 2nd September.

I have had a few phone conversations with children over the last week, it is lovely to chat to them. Please let me know if your child would like a phone call too!

Mrs Murray

Zoom:

We are currently in the process of trialling Zoom meetings with Year 2. We are hoping to hold a catch-up meeting for the children with their current class and then a transition meeting for the children with their new teacher. This will give children a chance to see their friends, share what they've been doing and ask any questions they might have.

We will send you notice of the meetings and the agreement for you to read and sign.

Home Learning:

Some of you are still working really hard at home and we are really pleased with those who have continued to do the White Rose Maths lessons every day. This will help hugely for moving up in September.

We know the children are losing interest but with only 2.5 weeks left we need to plod on and do what you can! Reading, Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics will all help if you can get them to do that at least!

Some children have done some amazing projects on countries, work on Pride, poetry, PowerPoints about Tik Tok safety- any learning they do will be beneficial- even learning to tie their shoe laces will help them at school!!

Please continue to Dojo message staff with any questions or concerns.

Community Spirit:

It was lovely to hear that three of our Year 1 children were upset to see lots of litter at the park. They took it upon themselves to pick it up and put it in the bin!

Sock Olympics

Miss Goldsborough has posted a Sock Olympic PE challenge on Facebook. It would be great to have as many children as possible to join in with this. Please let us know if you need a copy of the scorecard emailed out to you.

Reports

Written reports will be emailed out to you on Monday 6th July.

If you not been receiving our previous emails and you think we need an update of your email then please contact school. The email we use is the one attached to your Parent Pay account. Please update this if needed.

Please note this is a slimmed down version of the reports as they were completed when staff were working from home and because sadly we have not seen some children since March. Some of the children will be working below the expected standard as that is where they were at the last point the staff saw them. We have tried to use a best fit approach so please don't be too disappointed if they are lower than you thought.

Safeguarding:

We have very strict rules about keeping bubbles separate and about not allowing children to touch each other. Please try to ensure children keep to our markings for lining up before school and follow these rules on the school site. Some parents and children have become complacent and it is confusing for them. We have to remain vigilant.

We are also relying on parents sticking to social distancing rules outside of school. Thank you for your support with this.

Please do not park in the school car park.

Keyworker/Vulnerable children:

Please note we have a bubble of 15 which is now almost entirely full. Please give us notice if your child will not be attending on a day they are booked in as we might be able to take another child off the waiting list.

Training Days for 2020/2021:

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Monday 7th December 2020

Friday 30th April 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

School is closed on these days.

Term dates will be sent out with the reports.

Uniform:

When ordering school uniform please remember the children need plain black footwear. (no coloured markings on them)

Useful websites:

Oxford Owl- to access reading books

BBC Bitesize- all subjects!

Oak National Academy

Hamilton Trust

Literacy Trust

Twinkl

Purple Mash

For Reception and Year 1- Phonics Play

Lexia- spelling

Mathletics or Times Table Rockstars for quick recall of maths

Year 6:

It is that time of year again where we are preparing to say *Goodbye* to our Year 6 children. It is such a strange end of Primary School for them. They have been unable to have the transition they would normally have and they can't have the celebrations and send off we would like them to have. They are coping amazingly well and it has been lovely seeing them all playing in one large group outside.