



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

September 2020

It has been so lovely having the children back in school this week and to have the giggles, the whispers, the sound of seeing your friends again, the buzz of activity, the smiles, the hellos and the stories!

Thank you for your patience with the new drop off and pick up times. Please try to arrive on time and not too early. We have had a few teething problems which we hope we have now ironed out. I'm sure you can appreciate that trying to make so many changes with the same space and staffing has been rather challenging.

We have welcomed 25 children into our Reception class, there were some tears but mostly from the Mums! We would also like to welcome Darcey in Year 3 and Harlow in Year 2.

The children have not done any formal learning this week to help them to settle back in. We will be back to our full timetables next week. We hope you all have a good weekend and we look forward to another busy and productive year at KMPS.

Mrs Murray

Thank
You

Staff Absence

We are currently without our admin apprentice for two weeks as she has to self-isolate due to contact with a friend who tested positive. Please be aware that this could happen to any of our staff at any time, just like it could with yourselves. Our staff are being very careful about where they go in order to keep themselves as safe as possible. Many schools already have staff shortages so we are feeling very blessed to have all our teaching staff here. Let's hope this continues for as long as possible!! We will keep you posted if this changes.

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday this half term to: Anya, Thomas V, Isabelle C, Brooke, Kallum, Gracie, Gabriel, Hunter, Chase, Poppy H, Fearne, Cora, Izzie, Willow, Alahna, Poppy S, Amalia, Edward, Stanley, Autumn, Isla, Seth, Elizabeth, Sonny, Evie, Ewan, Layla, Joseph, Joel, Alexis, Harriet



Information:

The children should have brought home a class newsletter today with information about expectations for this year. Please don't let this worry you too much. Hearing your child read is the best way to help them achieve at school.

Snack:

The children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start receiving their free fruit again from next week. Year 3,4,5 & 6 do not have their lunch until 12:30pm and so would really benefit from bringing a piece of fruit from home to have during morning breaktime.

Christmas Performances:

It is unlikely we will be able to have any performances this year as it will not be possible to have parents in the building gathered in the hall. We will make a definite decision about this after October half term.

Contact Details:

It is vital we have the correct contact details for you. Please let the school office know if you have any changes in phone numbers or names of emergency contacts who can pick up your child from school if needed.

Safeguarding:

Please let us know if your child is absent and the reason for this.

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.

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

The school crossing patrol is due back on Monday 7th September.

Please do not let children near the railway tracks.

Please be on time!

**What to do if a family member is unwell with Covid symptoms:**

If you or anyone in your house is feeling unwell then it is important to get tested. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. You need to keep your child off school and keep us updated about the result of the test. **If you test positive then all household members (including the children) must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.** The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill or if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they must stay at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms appear regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.

If you are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for COVID-19 you also must self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the day the test was taken.

Home Learning:

If the worst happens and your child has to isolate and is unable to come to school then they will be expected to complete work on **Oak National Academy**. The work will be set by the class teacher and will be in line with what the others are completing at school. The website has been devised by the Government specifically for this purpose. School has a limited number of laptops available to borrow if needed in these circumstances.

Train:

You will have seen by now that the railway tracks are in place and we are awaiting our carriages which we hope will arrive in the next couple of weeks. One carriage will be used for a library and one will be used as a wellbeing, quiet space for one to one work and small group work. As you can imagine there is a lot of work to do before they will be ready for use. We are not anticipating they will be ready for some months.

We have already had significant amounts of time, money and resources donated by local companies which we are extremely grateful for. Our Go Fund Me Page has now generated over £3000 which is amazing!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/dare-to-dream-library-train-for-children>

