



# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

September 2021

It has been so lovely having the children back in school and seeing them all being able to play together. Some children have found it over whelming being on the playground altogether again, whilst others have loved it. Try not to worry, they will get used to it! The behaviour has been excellent this week and so many children have been very kind and thoughtful to others. We've been talking about our School Values, ask your child if they know them!

The children have done well to get used to new routines and being in a new classroom with new staff- there's a lot to take in so many of them are tired today.

We are currently recruiting a parent governor. Please feel free to apply again if you applied last time!

Details to follow next week.

Please see a list of useful dates on the reverse.

There's been a few children late this week, we know the car park is busy but please try to be here by 8:55am.

Enjoy your weekend, we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Mrs Murray

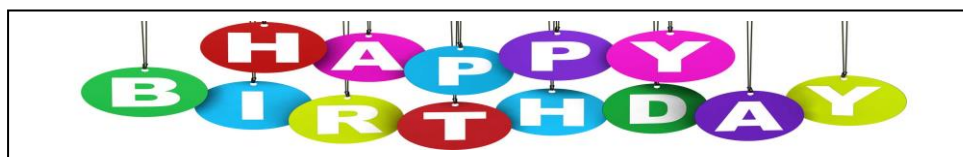


## Covid

We have already had one child test positive and two members of staff off due to Covid. It is very challenging for us to manage staff shortages in school so we need you to bear with us! Please continue to be vigilant with your child if they are unwell.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday this half term to: Blake, Anya, Thomas V, Isabelle C, Reuben, Brooke, Kallum, Naomi, Dexter, Evie, Gabriel, Hunter, Chase, Poppy H, Cora, Izzie, Daisy M, Willow S, Alahnna, Allegra, Poppy S, Edward, Stanley, Autumn, Isla, Seth, Elizabeth, Sonny, Evie, Grace C, Layla, Joseph, Joel, Alexis, Darley, Samuel & Harriet



## Information:

All communication will now be electronic via email or Dojo.

Please also check the school website for more information- we are currently in the process of updating it again.

## Snack:

The children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are receiving their free fruit again for morning break.

Year 3,4,5 & 6 do not have their lunch until 12:15pm and so would really benefit from bringing a piece of fruit from home to have during morning breaktime.

## Christmas Performances:

We are hopeful we can have our Christmas Performances this year. We'll let you know dates as soon as we can.

## School dinners:

Children can have a mixture of dinners and packed lunch if they are set days and we know in advance. They cannot swap and change without notice. The school meals team usually require a weeks' notice of a change as food is ordered the week before. The menu for this term is on the website. This has been week two so we will start week 3 on 13.9.21.

There will be a new menu starting after October half term.

**Safeguarding:**

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

Children need to stay off school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Please do not park in the school car park.

Please do not let children stand in the car park- be aware we have a parent needing to drop off using the disabled bay and so a car will be coming in for drop off and pick up.

**School Crossing Patrol:**

We understand the Road Safety team are struggling to recruit a new crossing patrol. I have expressed my concerns to them about the safety, especially during the road works.

**I have written a letter to the council about the pot holes in the car park!**

**Training Days for 2020/2021:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Please be on time!  
8:55am

**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. **If you test positive then you must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days but your child can still come to school.** The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household had their test. If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they must also get tested. Children only need to stay off if you are waiting for a PCR result for them and then if they were positive.

Please let us know if there is a positive case in the house so we can be extra cautious to watch for symptoms in your child.

**Home Learning:**

If the worst happens and your child tests positive and has to isolate they will be expected to complete work on **Oak National Academy**. (Unless they are unwell) 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 laptops available to borrow if needed in these circumstances.

**Train:**

We are currently waiting on Ivanhoe Forge to build a platform to go in between the two carriages. Once this is in place then the ramp can be built to allow better access.

We would like to express our huge thanks to Gordon Callander who has already spent hours of his own time helping us. He has been invaluable to us! So thank you Gordon.

**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.

**Dates for the diary: (More information to follow nearer the time)**

20.9.21 Year 2 visit to the Discovery Museum

28.9.21 Judo taster session- led by a coach from the local club

4.10.21- Parent meetings during the week

5.10.21 Harvest Assembly led by Reverend Barbara Hilton- donations for the food bank

6.10.21 Anna James-Author visit in assembly

14.10.21 Photograph Day- individual photos

22.10.21 Nasal Flu spray- all year groups

22.10.21 Last day before October half term- non-uniform day