



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 1

February 2022

It has been a challenging half term but we've got through it again! The children have been working so hard. They are making excellent progress and the behaviour has been exemplary. It has been difficult for them if they've been off or their friend has been off but they've just got on with it and I am really proud of their resilience.

Our attendance and punctuality continue to be very good, despite Covid absences.

We are lifting restrictions in school after the holidays so we can't wait to be altogether again.

Are you on our school Facebook page?- there has been so much lovely work on there and some of our amazing children and achievements from outside of school.

It is a really useful way for you to see what is going on across the whole school.

We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 1st March.

Mrs Murray



Break the rules, pay the fine!

The children have been very excited about breaking the rules. Especially Laina, who broke 7 rules!!



Do you know our school motto?

Teamwork is a huge part of our school vision, we want the children to learn the benefits of working together, helping each other and feel part of our school team.

Together Everyone Achieves More!

Do you know our school values?

The school values were voted for by the children and the display plaques were also designed by a now ex-pupil.

You will see these coming through on the certificates we Award in our celebration assemblies.

Independence and resilience are also strongly promoted.



Parent Meetings:

We are pleased to be able to hold face to face parent meetings again on Monday 28th March and Tuesday 29th March. (Letters to come out after half term)

This will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and see what their targets are.

School dinners:

We have been informed by Taylor Shaw that there will be an increase in the price of a school meal. From 1st April. A lunch will now cost £2.20 per day. The new menu will come out after Easter.

Train:

We are now full steam ahead and hoping for the carriages to be open in May.

We are now at the point of fund raising for books for the library. We want to buy some new non-fiction books based around the topic's children learn e.g. Vikings, Egypt, Africa, Sikhism etc.

We have applied for two grants but we haven't had a response yet. One of which would mean buying the books from a local bookshop which would be lovely.

Do any of you know any local businesses who might have funds to support buying books for our project. We are looking to raise around £2000 in total so any small amount towards this would help! (or even any actual books would be amazing)

If you have any books at home your children no longer read, then we would happily accept them too if you think they are suitable.

Safeguarding:

Please let us know if your child is absent and the reason for this for us to record it on the register. 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.

Training Days for 2020/2021:

Monday 28th February 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

Additional bank holiday for the Jubilee:

Monday 27th June

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. 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 White Rose Maths and possibly **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.

Parking:

Please park with consideration for our neighbours in the village. An angry resident on Hallgarth has lodged a formal complaint about the school.

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)

3.3.22 World Book Day

28.3.22 Parent Meetings

29.3.22 Parent Meetings

1.4.22 Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm

8.4.22 break up for Easter holidays

25.4.22 back to school

27.4.22 School photographs- whole classes

9.5.22 to 12.5.22 Sats for Year 6

TBC Vision Check for the Reception class

We use the **STOP** sign to help children understand the word bullying. **Several Times On Purpose**



We have had no reported incidents of bullying this school year!