



# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

April 2022

The children have been working so hard and they are all making excellent progress with their work, which I'm sure you enjoyed seeing in their books during the parent meetings. Please see more details on reverse for children who are unwell as the time they need to be off has been reduced by the DfE in order to stop them missing so much school.

After Easter many of the children will be sitting National tests. Please see the reverse for key dates. May and June are always busy times!

Some of you have started to take holidays again, I understand many of these are from pre-Covid times. School's policy is that we do not authorise holidays, we also do not provide work for holidays either.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

*Mrs Murray*



## Governors:

I'd like to thank Mr Middleton for his time on our school Governing body and his contributions. He will be stepping down when his term of office ends on 23.4.22. I know he will continue to support the school.

I'd like to welcome Ben Parnaby (Y1 parent) and Leanne Knight (Y1 parent) to our Governing Body.

Cath Sewell is also joining us a co-opted Governor. They bring a wealth of skills and we look forward to working with them to ensure the best possible provision for our children.

## Jubilee:

We are making plans for celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We have applied for a grant from Spennymoor AAP in order to give the children a memorable experience!

Kirk Merrington Community Centre are holding a family afternoon on

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June** with a bouncy castle, face painting, traditional games and lots of other activities for children to enjoy.

Watch out for more details nearer the time!



## Autism Awareness:

We have several children in school diagnosed with Autism.

We have been talking about Autism in assembly as part of

Autism awareness week. The children are very

understanding of the way we can be different. Some of

our Autistic children come in through the front door as

they find the playground over whelming. We are trying to

encourage all other children to come on to the playground

unless they have a before school session to attend.

## Easter Raffle:

Well done to all the winners of the Easter raffle prizes!

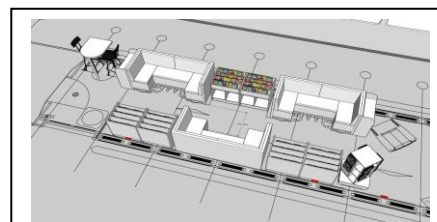
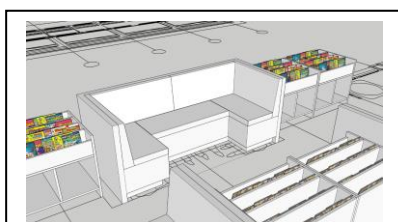
Thank you all again for your support.

Thank you also to Domino's for their donated vouchers,



## Train:

We are on track now for the train opening at the beginning of June. We are looking forward to having a launch party where family members can attend and have a look around! Please see some library internal design images below!



### 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 2021/2022:

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

### Additional bank holiday for the Jubilee:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Please be on time!

8:55am



### Covid Guidance for Schools from the Department for Education:

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a **positive COVID-19 test result** should try to **stay at home and avoid contact with other people** for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is **3 days**.

### Home Learning:

If the worst happens and your child tests positive and has to isolate please contact the teacher if they are well enough to be set work.

School has laptops available to borrow if needed in these circumstances.

### 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)

25.4.22 back to school

27.4.22 School photographs- whole classes

4.5.22 Vision Check for the Reception class

9.5.22 to 12.5.22 Sats for Year 6

16.5.22 Sats for Year 2

WB: 6.6.22 Year 1 Phonic Screening check

WB: 6.6.22- 17.6.22 Year 4 multiplication check

29.6.22 Year 6 Transition Workshop

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!