



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Summer Term 1

May 2022

The children continue to thrive and excel in their own way.

As you know our assemblies on a Monday are a celebration of children's talents from outside of school. During this time, we also talk about being different, discrimination and diversity. Recently we have also been talking to children about mental health. We want them to know the difference between physical and mental health but also the importance of talking to someone about our feelings. Our really proud of how inclusive our children are, they are very tolerant of others, particularly those with special needs. The school continues to be over-subscribed with phone calls every week from parents wanting their children to come to KMPS.

The children are proud to come here and the staff are proud to work here.

Mrs Murray



Community Centre:

The Community Centre has a family fun day on Saturday 4th June from 1pm -6pm. They have lots of lovely things planned for the children if you are able to attend. Our children's artwork will all be on display in there for you to see.

Jubilee:

We have absolutely loved our Jubilee celebrations thank you to Mrs Smith and all of the staff for making this possible. Our children certainly did have a memorable day.

It was amazing to see so many people out to watch our parade. One of the houses near the Church has some flags from the Queen's coronation!! A real piece of History for the children.

This really teaches children about community and helps us to teach them about being a good citizen.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in the afternoon, all the volunteers for helping, the band, Bernie's bakery and The Wonderful World of Mr Whippy.

We hope the tree will serve as reminder and the children keep their bears for many years to come.



Parking:

Last week we received three complaints about parking all in the same week. One was about the vet not being able to get to the horse in the field, one was from a resident about parking on the corner near Hallgarth and the last one was from a resident in Kirkstone Court. This is a private cul-de-sac and so there should be no cars in there at all.

Please pass on the message about parking considerably to other family members who pick up after school. We realise parking is a problem near all schools. We are fortunate to have a car park and I know this has been taken over by the council now and so it should get re-surfaced soon.

I know many of you park in the village hall and walk down, older children get dropped with friends to walk down, this all helps so thank you!

Questionnaire:

Thank you for taking the time to complete our questionnaires.

We will share the feedback with you after the half term.

PTA: We really want to get our PTA up and running again in September to run more events for the children. Please let us know if you are interested in joining.

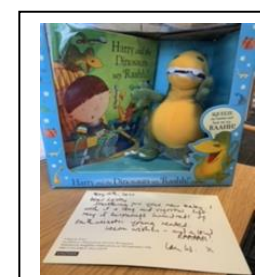
Train:

We have experienced some delays again with the train due to the availability of some materials.

We are waiting for the flooring to go down now and then the joinery work can start.

We are still hoping to open the carriages in the end of June. We will of course be opening it for parents and family members to see once they are completed.

The school council have been helping choose books, we have even had Ian Whybrow the author of Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs send us a gift!



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.

Additional bank holiday for the Jubilee:

Monday 27th June 2022

Training Days for 2022/2023:

Monday 5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Friday 2nd December 2022

Monday 19th June 2023

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)

6.6.22 Year 4/5 visit to Centre for Life
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-led by Kooth
30.6.22 Year 3/4 visit to Seaham
11.7.22 Whole school transition morning
14.7.22 Year 6 Leavers Service for Y6 parents only 2pm
20.7.22 Sports Day
21.7.22 Last day

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!