



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

October 2022

It has been a busy and varied start to the school year with lots of events and experiences the children have enjoyed. Thank you all for your continued support.

As you know good school attendance is crucial to academic success.

We monitor attendance weekly to see which children's attendance is falling below 95%.

I am required to keep you updated with attendance information even if I know why your child has been absent. Holidays in term time are not authorised.

I hope you are feeling fully informed about your child's progress and the expectations for this year from the Meet the Teacher and the Parent Meetings.

Please see the website for further information about the curriculum.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any worries or concerns.

Mrs Murray



Events:

Macmillan: Thank you for all your donation. We are delighted to say we raised £200 for this worthwhile cause.

Harvest: Thank you so much for your donations. We will aim to open our mini food bank after the half term to support our families in need

Halloween disco: The children had a great time. It was lovely to see them all in their costumes and so excited. Thank you to Mrs Abson and the school council for organising it and also to Meg Lidster for all your help!

Fire service: The children in Year 5 + 6 had a visit from the fire service this week to talk about keeping safe around fires and fireworks.

Stay and Play: The reception children enjoyed have their family members come and play in class with them on Wednesday!

Tea/Coffee:

Some of our Grandparents and Parents will be selling tea and coffee for £50p a cup from 2:45pm until 3:10pm every afternoon in the café. We know some people get here early and thought you might like a place for a quick chat or to keep warm before collecting the children. Please let people who collect from school know!

Parking:

There should be **no cars parked in the staff carpark** at drop off or pick up times. We have one child who needs to use the disabled bay and we need to prioritise her safety.

Please can you let me know if you need to use a disabled bay in the car park as I will need to allocate another bay for you. We seem to have some Grandparents parking in there without consent. I appreciate some people may have some mobility difficulties but I need to know who they are.

The car park can be used for Little Darlings as this is not when children are coming in and out.

Please park with consideration for the residents in the village.

School Places:

Please note the deadline for your applications for Secondary school is 31st October.

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is 15th January.

Train:

I am please to say the joinery work is now almost complete and we finally have all the book cases in place! The end is finally is site after three years of hard work. We are now starting to put all the books in there and hope to give you the grand opening date soon once it has been signed off with building control and fire safety.



Safeguarding:

Please do not park in the school staff car park. (unless you are using Little Darlings)

Please 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.

Keeping children safe is our number one priority and we always respond immediately to any concerns. Should you have a concern about a child outside of school you can report this yourself anonymously on 0300 267979.

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

**Reading Raffle:**

We had our Reading Raffle in assembly. Every time children read at home three times per week they get a raffle ticket. Every half term two tickets will be chosen from each year group. The children can choose either a book or a book token. The lucky winners were:

Reception: Nathan and Ralph

Year 1: Evie and Reuben

Year 2: Austin and Scarlett

Year 3: Isla and Nancy

Year 4: Poppy S and Poppy H

Year 5: Sienna and Lilly

Year 6: Blake and Kallum

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)

20.10.22 Last day- break up for half term

31.10.22 Return to school

16.11.22 Flu immunisations

*see separate diary dates letter.

Assessment Dates for your diary:

Year 6 Sats wc: 8th May 2023

Year 2 Sats wc: 15th May - 25th May 2023

Year 4 multiplication check any time in the 3 weeks from 5th June 2023

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check-wc: 12th June 2023

Year 2 Phonics for children who need to re-sit wc: 12th June 2023

We use the **STOP** sign to help children understand the word bullying.

Several Times On Purpose

