



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 3

December 2022

It has been a challenging half term with record numbers of children who have been unwell. Hopefully we are through the worst and the children will be back fitter and stronger in the New Year. Our school attendance stands at 93.7% this is a record low but the National average is 90.1%

School is always exceptionally busy with clubs and events. Our website has the diary dates and lots of other useful information if you miss things.

Thank you so much for all of our very generous gifts. We realise times are difficult so, we are even more thankful!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and enjoy some quality time together.

Mrs Murray



Events:

Christmas Performances: I am so proud of our children. They always rise to the challenge and do an incredible job in their performances. For a small primary school, we have so many talented children! It is always lovely to see those coming out of their shell on the stage but I am always particularly impressed with the courage of others who put themselves out of their comfort zone.

Christmas Parties: Lots of fun was had at the parties, the snacks for the children were paid for from the sales of the photos from the plays. The money left will pay for treats for Dojo parties throughout the year.

Film Night: It was lovely to be able to hold these events this year. We are keen to ensure the children get these opportunities to come together that they've missed in recent years. Thanks to the staff, children and PTA for their help.

PTA:

Thank you to those who have volunteered to join our PTA.

We have now been able to use some of the funds raised to subsidise the visits in the New Year for Miss Rawlings and Mrs O'Sullivan's class.

The school will be 10 in April 2023 so we have started to gather ideas for how we can celebrate. Please let us know if you have any suggestions!



Resilience:

We are always looking at ways we can promote resilience and independence with the children.

It is important children realise we learn from mistakes and getting things wrong is all part of how we progress.

We promote a "can do" attitude wherever we can.

Children need strategies to manage their feelings, resolve problems and develop confidence.

We have been working on our vision which we want to share with you in order for us to work together to develop these strategies with the children.

We will send home for you to refer to after Christmas.

Road Safety:

Mr Clarey has been talking to the children in assembly about crossing the road safely and the importance of waiting for him to stop the traffic before they step off the curb.

Library:

The library is very nearly complete. We are still waiting on a last piece of joinery.

We are desperate to open it as quickly as possible!

Year 6 have been helping organise some of the books.

Alexis and Etta are working on a pod cast to play in assembly after Christmas.



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

*Monday 8th May 2023 is an additional bank holiday for the King's Coronation

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: Tallulah and Phoebe

Year 1: Phoebe H and Kadey

Year 2: Joshua J and Elizabeth

Year 3: Anya and Ben

Year 4: Henry and Jacob

Year 5: Maiya and Romano

Year 6: Poppy Y and Isla

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)

18.1.23 Year 3 visit to the Tees Barrage

23.1.23 Year 6 visit to the Tees Barrage

8.2.23 Safer Internet day

17.2.23 last day of the half term

Assessment Dates for your diary:

Year 6 Sats wc: 8th May 2023 *now 9th May

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

