



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term

February 2023

The children have been working incredibly hard and I'm sure you are looking forward to seeing their books next half term. (Please see dates on the reverse for Parents Evening meetings)

Children talk enthusiastically about our curriculum. Wherever possible we look to build their independence and resilience alongside our values.

The behaviour continues to be outstanding with very few incidents for me to deal with. The school council is extremely active and the children very much have a voice in school!

Please see our [school Facebook page](#) for regular updates.

Mrs Murray



Events: Our curriculum has been enhanced by lots of visits and events this half term including:

Tees Barrage: Both the Year 3 and the Year 5/6 class visited Tees Barrage to enhance their learning around rivers.

Durham Castle: The Year 2 children visited Durham Castle as part of their History topic- they did some fantastic writing about their day!

Church visits: Several year groups have visited the church as part of their RE topic. They all have a different focus...

Children's Mental Health Week: The children amazed me with what they could tell me about ways they can look after their mental health. Ask them if they can tell you!

Swimming Gala: Our children did a fantastic job at the swimming gala and came 3rd out of 8 schools.

Move with Max: The reception children attended a gymnastics type festival which was a great introduction to attending a sporting event. Our children always represent KMPS well and try their very best.

PTA:

Thank you to the PTA who have subsidised recent school trips by £2 per child. This helps to keep the cost down as the cost of travel is always high.

They are busy preparing for our school's birthday celebrations.

A separate letter will follow.

Please put the **31st March** in your diary for some after school fun!



Uniform:

Please ensure children wear plain navy or black clothes on PE days whenever possible to keep with our uniform policy.

Children should only have stud earrings which need covering or removing on PE days and for swimming. No hoops please- these are considered unsafe for the playground.

Hair longer than shoulder length should be kept tied up at all times as this helps prevent the spread of head lice!

Community:

I would like to say thank you to the ladies who have been running the tea/coffee sessions every afternoon.

They will continue to do this until Easter and then stop again until the Autumn. We are also very fortunate to have some members of the community who come in to hear our children read. I know the ladies love it as much as the children do! Thank you also to our visitors who have come in to talk to the children about being nurses.

Careers:

We have been talking in assembly about the different careers the children think they might like to have when they are older.

Please can you talk to them about what you do in your job and what jobs other family members have.

The children have some amazing aspirations- opera singer, family lawyer, Olympic athletes, designers etc etc.

Library:

The final pieces of wood finally arrived for the library this week! This will be fitted asap and so we can finally set the date for the launch which is **Wednesday 22nd March**. We will have lots of VIPs on the day. Parents and family members will be invited in after school on that day and also on the Thursday and Friday for a viewing!

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: Ralph and Niall

Year 1: Lola and Benjamin

Year 2: James and Lola I

Year 3: Willow and Joey

Year 4: Eleanor and Poppy H

Year 5: Romano and James

Year 6: Oliver and Lucy

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)

3.3.23 World Book Day celebrations in school

6.3.23 Year 4 parents Multiplication check meeting 4:30pm

13.3.23 Robin Wood meeting for those going on the residential at 4:30pm

17.3.23 Red Nose Day- wear something red- donation for the charity

20.3.23 Parent Meetings

21.3.23 Parent Meetings

31.3.23 School's 10th Birthday celebrations

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 2 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

