



# Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term

March 2023

As usual our children have been working hard and are making excellent progress. We continue to be extremely proud of their achievements and attitude to learning. Our assemblies on a Monday morning provide a great opportunity for children to showcase their talents and achievements out of school.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Tuburu who is stepping down as a teacher into the role of a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in another school. We would like to thank her for her hard work at the school, she will be sorely missed by the children. We also say goodbye to Miss Richmond and Miss O'Hara who have now completed their apprenticeships. We wish them well for the future.

I'd like to wish you all a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all back on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Murray



## Events:

Netball- we were very proud of our netball team who attended a competition on Tuesday and won!!

There were 8 schools and they had a nail biting penalty shoot out in the semi- final to get through to the final. 8 matches undefeated, wow, well done children.

What an achievement. We are very proud of you!

Finally a new trophy for our cabinet.



## PTA:

Thank you so much to our PTA and Mrs Abson for the hours of time and preparation to ensure the children have a lovely afternoon celebrating the school's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Thank you also for your generous donations for the raffle.

PTA funds are now being used to subsidise school visits in order to reduce costs.

Visits enhance our curriculum and really help the children to remember their learning but we appreciate the cost of travel makes them expensive.



## Parking:

We continue to receive complaints from residents about inconsiderate parking. They are reporting this to the police and local councillors. As a result I have been informed the council are sending **enforcement officers to fine people parking inconsiderately.**

I requested further traffic calming measures in the village and improvements to the carpark and the access to it.

However, I understand a proposal has been put forward to put double yellow lines right through the village. I am unsure where parents would then park when the car park is full?

Please park with consideration for others.

Please do not park in the school car park.

## Library opening hours:

The children all now have a library book.

The library will now be open every day after school for you to support children choosing a book. Staff will be in there to help.

Year 5/6 will also be able to swap them on a Thursday lunchtime.

\*Please let us know if you are not able to take them to the library and we will facilitate them changing their book at another time.



## Thank you:

Thank you so much also to Oliver and Robyn's grandparents who have come in every day to sell tea and coffee to offer people a warm space and chance to chat. As the weather improves they are going to stop for this summer term and resume again in September. The funds raised from this have been given to the school for us to use for the children.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

\*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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: Evie and Niall

Year 1: Poppy and Lola F

Year 2: Harry and Lola I

Year 3: Isla and Isaac

Year 4: Evie and Thomas

Year 5: Romano and Joshua

Year 6: Kallum and Jacob

### 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)

19.4.23 Class 5 visit to the Synagogue

26.4.23 Class 6 visit to the Mosque in Durham

22.5.23- 24.5.23 Robin Wood residential Y5/6

### Assessment Dates for your diary:

Year 6 Sats wc: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 \*now 9<sup>th</sup> May

Year 2 Sats wc: 15<sup>th</sup> May - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Year 4 multiplication check any time in the 2 weeks from 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check-wc: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

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

Several Times On Purpose

