



Kirk Merrington Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

March 2024

We are still awaiting our Ofsted Report and will share this with you all as soon as it becomes available.

Please see the dates overleaf for your calendar. For those of you with children with SEND needs we have set a new coffee morning date where both Daisy Chain and Early Help are attending.

Many year groups are sitting National tests after half term so please be aware of the dates.

Thank you so much for your donations for the Easter Raffle- it looked like half the school won a prize! This raised over £400 which will be used for playground equipment and to subsidise school visits. Thanks to the PTA for their help.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Murray



Events:

As usual the children have been out on several visits and had visitors in to enhance our curriculum.

Mrs Thompson did some amazing work for Science Week

Year 3 have received pedestrian training

Year 1 have walked around the village as part of their Geography

Reception have visited Hall Hill Farm

Reverend Barbara has also delivered assembly and visited Year 2 to make Easter Gardens.

Cross Country

A special Well done to Willow and Jessica who competed in the County Cross Country finals.

Jessica came 34th and Willow came 8th!!



Reading:

Does your child read to an adult 3 x per week at home?

We hear- I've forgotten to sign their reading record, they are too busy out of school, they get too tired.

Everyone can find 10 minutes three times per week. The children need the message from you that reading is important. (We realise this is more challenging with SEND children and if you have more than one child)

Children being able to read well is a life skill. They have to be able to read well to access the curriculum. They also have to sit tests where they have to read challenging texts and answer questions about them.

Children not reading are getting left behind their peers. They are also not getting their 3 Dojos so get left behind with that too. We want children to leave here with a love of reading and fully prepared for their next steps.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

We do lots of work with the children around mental health and how they can keep physically and mentally healthy. At times children struggle with anxiety, we typically see this if parents separate. We have our school counsellor who supports particularly with self-esteem and strategies for managing feelings. We also have Miss Jacques as a trained staff member to provide well-being support. Sometimes children just need some extra TLC or check ins with their teacher or another member of staff. If you have things happening in the family that will impact your child then please let us know so we can support them if needed.

Please be on time! 8:55am



Keeping Safe:

We have been having a focus at lunchtime on children sitting correctly at the table when eating. Please talk to the children about the importance of sitting still, on their bottoms and chewing their food correctly. (to avoid choking hazards)

Parking:

Our staff car park should only be used for children and adults with a disability. All users require a blue badge or a school permit. Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding:

Please do not park or drop off 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.

Concerns:

Should you have a concern about a child outside of school you can report this yourself anonymously on 03000 267979.

Birthday cakes: We promote healthy eating in school but as you may guess, the children like to keep bringing cakes in on their birthday. Please be aware of allergies of other children in the class and the number.

If you choose to send a full cake then this **must be cut into the correct number of pieces** as staff cannot cut it.

We appreciate this has a cost attached so please do not feel any pressure to bring anything in.

Nuts:

Please ensure children do not bring any nut products in their packed lunch, including chocolate spread.

We have a child in school who is allergic to nuts so we need to be nut free!

Keeping children safe is our number one priority and we always respond immediately to any concerns.



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: Zara and Ted

Year 1: Nathan and Phoebe

Year 2: Benjamin and Jasmine

Year 3: Perry and Ollie

Year 4: Noah and Rory

Year 5: Sophia and Eleanor

Year 6: Joshua and Oliver

Training Days for 2023/2024:

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 17th June 2024

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)

15.4.24 Back to School

16.4.24 Y1 + Y2 bikeability

18.4.24 Buddhist Visitor for Y2

30.5.24 Multiply Maths workshop for Y3 parents 9am

6.5.24 Bank holiday

7.5.24 Multiply Maths workshop for Y4 parents 9am

9.5.24 Coffee morning for parents with SEND children

WB:13.5.24 Year 6 Sats week

20.5.24, 21.5.24 + 22.5.24 Robinwood

Assessment Dates for your diary:

(Please do not book holidays at this time)

Year 6 Sats wc: 13th May 2024

Year 2 Sats wc: 13th May - 24th May 2024

Year 4 multiplication check any time in the 3 weeks from 3rd June 2024

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check-wc: 10th June 2024

Year 2 Phonics for children who need to re-sit wc: 10th June 2024

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

Several Times On Purpose

