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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 8th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a cold, wintery week it has been! Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas Fayre this year. Your kind donations will help raise valuable cash for school funds. We hope that you enjoy the fayre and the fun it brings. Please don't forget the fayre continues tomorrow from 1 - 4pm in church - this is open to all members of the local community. Come along and join us if you can. We will let you know next week how much we manage to raise.

The children have also been treated this morning to a Pantomime in school, Dick Whittington. The children yet again really enjoyed this annual event. In and amongst the practicing for the nativities, Year 3 have been making their own flavoured chips in DT, which looked yummy. In Reception, the children have enjoyed work based around the story of My Gumpy's Motorcar. Year 1 and Year 4 have produced some fabulous art work, experimenting with different paints and brush techniques. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Blackburn.

Christmas Parties:

This year we are asking for donations of food and drink towards the children's Christmas parties. We hope you can support us with this. Class teachers will be in touch via ClassDojo with more information but please can we remind you we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** due to allergies in school.

Dates for your diaries:

Christmas Fayre at St John's Church
Saturday 9th
December - 1 - 4pm

EYFS & KS1 Nativity
- Friday 15th
December 2pm in Church

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties - Monday 18th
December

KS2 Performance -
Tuesday 19th
December - 2pm in Church

Christmas Dinner -
Wednesday 20th
December

KS2 Christmas Parties
- Thursday 21st
December

School Closes -
Thursday 21st
December

School Reopens -
Monday 8th January



Weekly Attendance

	89%
	93%
	93%
	94%
	95%
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ParentPay:

Please can all outstanding amounts on ParentPay be paid by **Thursday 21st December** at the latest. This includes payments for school dinners, rainbow club & breakfast club. Thank you.

Reading Friends:

Please see the flyer sent on ClassDojo with this newsletter regarding becoming a reading volunteer in school. There is some free training, which is going to be provided on behalf of Kirklees, for anyone who does. We are really short on volunteers to come and listen to children read in school, which is a really valuable and rewarding experience. Please read and consider the flyer carefully. We would love for you to attend the training and look forward to you supporting the children in school.



Reading Friends

Have you got an hour a week to volunteer at a school in Kirklees to boost children's confidence and enjoyment of reading?

What is Reading Friends?

Reading Friends is a paired reading project which involves adult volunteers giving up an hour of their time per week to read with pupils in Kirklees schools.

The Reading Friends training, provided by Kirklees Success Centre, will develop your knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Early stages of reading development
- Expectations of a volunteer in school, including Safeguarding
- Strategies to help children with phonics and difficult words
- Ways to support comprehension
- Different levels of support
- Effective feedback



What are the benefits?

Reading Friends is a great opportunity for you to:

- Develop new knowledge and skills to provide effective reading support in schools and at home with your own children.
- Support your local community.
- Gain experience as a starting point to exploring a career in schools.
- Gain new skills and work experience to build up your CV and support your job applications.
- Increase self-confidence and motivation.
- Meet new people.

On average, children improve in their reading age by up to 9 months after a 10 week programme and become more confident and enjoy reading.

Training

You will need to attend all 4 sessions below, which take place at **St Johns Primary school, WF13 2LP.**

- Tuesday 16th January 2024 12-3pm
- Tuesday 23rd January 2024 12-3pm
- Tuesday 30th January 2024 12-3pm
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 12-3pm

We are flexible and can accommodate for slightly later arrivals or earlier finishes due to other school pick ups/drop offs etc

To Book

Enrol by scanning the QR code or email us on success.centres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone 01484 234153 for more information.

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