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## Newsletter Spring Term

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Not the first week back we expected but it has been lovely to welcome most of you back to school after the Christmas break. Happy New Year to you all and I hope you enjoyed your time together as a family. Thank you once again for your patience, support and flexibility throughout this week battling with the hazardous weather conditions. Measures put in place this week have been done in order to keep all children, staff and parents safe and have not been taken lightly. Hopefully next week we will get back to normal as the conditions ease. On Monday we intend to go back to our usual school times (doors open 8.40 - 8.50am and school finishes at 3.15pm) but I will send a message out on Sunday evening confirming this and also which entrances to use.

Stay safe,  
Mr Blackburn.

#### Admissions 2025/26:

A reminder to all parents with children who will be starting school in September 2025, that the deadline for applications via Kirklees is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Staffing Update:

This week we have welcomed Mrs A Khan and Mrs E Varley into the St John's family. Both are members of classroom support staff, supporting the teaching and learning taking place in classes across school.



#### Cost of Living:

We appreciate the pressures many families are still facing regarding finance and the cost of living. If you find yourself in any situations where you are struggling to pay bills, afford clothing for the children, struggling with buying essential food and basic care items then please do get in contact with the school office or Mr Blackburn. We have many contacts in the local area who are available to help. In the run up to Christmas, families were provided with food parcels, gifts for the children, new bikes for children who didn't have one and vouchers towards gas and electricity. We are here to help if needed.

#### Dates for your diaries:

School Closes –  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Reopens –  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Closes –  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Reopens –  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April

School Closes –  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Reopens –  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School Closes –  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July



### Uniform Exchange:

Uniform exchange reuse school uniform to care for families in Kirklees and to care for our planet. For more information on this please visit the website link attached <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>

If families are in need of school uniform you can either contact school or uniform exchange directly to access used school uniform that is in good condition.

Below is a list of drop off points in the local area where you can drop off used, freshly washed school uniform.

### **Dewsbury, Batley, Cleakheaton & Mirfield Area**

#### ▲ WF12

Our Neighbourhood Nest – Edge Top Road, Overthorpe WF12 0BH

Auntie Pam's – 9 Northgate, Dewsbury WF12 1DS

Fusion Housing Food Bank – Empire House, Wakefield Rd, Dewsbury WF12 8DJ

Job Centre – Crown Buildings, Rishworth Rd, Dewsbury WF12 8EF

Library – Dewsbury, Railway Street, Dewsbury WF12 8EQ

#### ▲ WF13

Wynsors – Ravensthorpe Shopping Park, Huddersfield Rd, Dewsbury WF13 3HN

Library – Greenwood Centre, Huddersfield Rd, Ravensthorpe WF13 3JR

Islam Dewsbury – 3 Stoney Bank Street, Dewsbury WF13 3RJ

#### ▲ WF14

Forget Me Not Charity Shop – Mirfield, 59 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8AA

**Uniform Exchange Hub – Salvation Army, 106 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8AF**

Library – Mirfield, East Thorpe Lodge, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8AN

### Weekly Attendance

	90%
	93%
	95%
	94%
	94%
	93%
	96%
	93%

### Attendance:

Just a reminder that absences need to be reported EACH DAY. If your child is absent from school please report this via ClassDojo to the office staff. You can also give school a call or leave a voicemail.

Messages to teachers won't always be seen in the morning so please ensure you let a member of the office know too.

Thank you for your support.