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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who attended the Macmillan coffee morning today. Thank you to everyone - staff, parents and carers who baked or donated buns and cakes to raise money for the charity. It is much appreciated.

In worship this week we have been focusing on the value of respect. Children are really good at St John's at respecting one another but we have discussed the importance of also respecting objects around us as well as people. Please encourage the children at home to do the same.

As a school this week we have been looking at how the children have settled into their phonics or whole class reading groups and the progress they are making. Children across school are making good progress within the Read Write Inc Phonics scheme or in whole class reading sessions.

For KS2 children, we have purchased a new reading scheme called Accelerated Reading. Over the next few weeks, we will be launching this with the children and we will update you further to enable your child/children to make further progress in reading.

Furthermore, in Autumn 2 we will be holding RWI Phonics or whole class reading workshops for parents, which were a great success last year. We will share these dates with you when confirmed.

Thank you.

Mr Blackburn.

Dates for your diaries:

Online Safety
Workshop for
Parents – Tuesday
3rd October (9am)

Individual School
Photos – Friday 20th
October

Shoebox Launch Day
– Monday 23rd
October

Harvest Festival –
Tuesday 24th
October (pm)

School Closes –
Thursday 26th
October

Inset Day – Friday
27th October (School
Closed to Children)

School Reopens –
Monday 6th
November

School Closes –
Thursday 21st
December

School Reopens –
Monday 8th January

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy:

A few years ago we created our RSE policy, which every school legally has to have. It was created by a working party of parents, governors and leaders from different religions within the local community. As we have grown now into a primary school and have older children, with older children to come in future years, we would like to review this policy in the same way. We are after a small working party of parents and carers to work with Mr Blackburn and other staff in school to update the policy. We want to ensure that the policy is created with a lot of consideration for the views of everyone within our community. If you think you would like to be part of this working party, please can you express your interest by contacting the school office by **Friday 6th October 2023** at the latest.

Musica Kirklees:

Please see the leaflet below regarding an opportunity for your child/children to learn to sing or play a musical instrument with Musica Kirklees. Musica Kirklees have a host of excellent musical traditions in Kirklees and Musica Kirklees has been successfully delivering music tuition in schools and running music centres across Kirklees since 1992. Their teachers visit schools across the area to deliver lessons and the beginning of the year is an ideal time to start!

Free School Meals:

Check if your child can get free school meals in England and find out how to apply on your local authority's website.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme. Food vouchers may also be available through the Household Support Fund. Find out more by contacting Kirklees Council or see the office staff.

Weekly Attendance

	90%
	96%
	92%
	95%
	97%
	97%
	94%



The leaflet features a vibrant background with a young boy playing a trumpet in the foreground. The Musica Kirklees logo, a red hashtag with the word 'MUSICA' and 'KIRKLEES' below it, is in the top left. The main title 'Play | Sing | Learn with Musica Kirklees' is prominently displayed. Below this, a list of activities includes individual instrumental tuition, vocal lessons, projects, choirs, orchestras, bands, and ensembles, all available in schools and local centres. A QR code is provided for scanning to apply for lessons. The website 'WWW.MUSICAKIRKLEES.ORG' and contact information 'e: hello@musicakirklees.org t: 01484 426426' are listed. Social media handles for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are also included. At the bottom, it identifies Musica Kirklees as the Lead Organisation for the Kirklees Music Hub and a registered charity.

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