



Headlines

Spring Term 2 Week 5

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Good morning everyone.,

Well, it's the end of term, and I'm not sure quite how it's come round so swiftly. Today we will mark our Easter Service where we will share the Christian Story together and sing our Easter hymns. This reminds us of the importance of Easter as a Christian Festival and will finish with our school prayer, one your children should know!

Dear God,
Bless our school,
That working together and playing together,
We may learn to love you,
And to love one another
Amen

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all again in the Summer Term.

Shining Stars

This half-term, class teachers have chosen their Shining Stars—the children who have done that little bit extra to get noticed. This time, for a combination of their hard work, perseverance, friendship and kindness; their resilience and achievement as well as attitude and all round brilliance, the teachers have chosen...

Buddy in Class 1
Archie in Class 2
Isla in Class 3
Isla Class 4
Ava in Class 5
Harry in Class 6
Maisie in Class 7

Cailin in Class 8
Esme in Class 9
Tilly in Class 10
Archie in Class 11
Jack in Class 12
Maya in Class 13
Reuben in Class 14

Christian Values Award

At the end of each term, just three times in a year, we choose just two children across the whole of the school who embody our 6 Christian Values—Friendship, forgiveness, hope, thankfulness, courage and compassion. This is the most prestigious award we have in school and the hardest to achieve. This term, the children who are most deserving of this recognition are Maiya in Year 5 and Iris in Year 1. Well done girls, we are very proud of you indeed.

Year 3's Great Yorkshire Show

Year 3's Standout Great Yorkshire show is one of the highlights of the year for me and this year was no disappointment. I received my beautiful hand written invitations from the children in Class 7 and Class 8 on Monday and on Tuesday afternoon. I joined the children of Year 3, the visiting Year 2 children (who were seeing what's

coming up next year!) and their parents in the hall. I watched video diaries, explored hand-made models and maps; looked at Power Point presentations and display boards and was amazed by the effort, attention and detail the children put into their projects. There were stations set up to celebrate Huddersfield, Meltham, York, Scarbrough and many other local Yorkshire attractions. A super example of children working independently and shouting-out to share their achievement. Absolutely wonderful. Well done Year 3.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your contributions to this year's event. School was buzzing with excitement, we shared our showcase of jokes in Celebrations Assemblies and raised £357 which we will ensure gets to its final destination.

Road Safety

You may or may not know that one of our Year 1 children was hit by a car in the village by the Coop just a few weeks ago. Thankfully, he is now back in school, but the traffic in the village is a constant worry for many of us and I would like to include a message sent in by his parents in this week's newsletter:

"We just wanted to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone. Following the incident involving Joshua, the ongoing care and love shown has just been amazing. From the teachers, parents and Josh's incredible friends, the kindness and offers of support, as well as all the beautiful cards and drawings, have been incredible and helped carry us through.

Josh is on the road to recovery and our thanks go out to you all."

Many thanks
Vicky and Steve

Parents Evening

Last week's parents' evenings were a pleasure to be involved in and I wanted to thank you all for your kind comments, reflections and suggestions. It was wonderful to see you all and to showcase the school, classrooms and children's work. I hope you enjoyed in as much as we did.

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On the scrounge again...

Our School Lego Therapy reserves are running low and I wondered if anyone had any smaller complete Lego sets that they might want to donate to school? We use them with groups of three facilitated by an adult who helps a child read the instructions, a child locate the bricks and a child build. It promotes cooperation, collaborative work, communication skills and friendship. We need smallish sets (nothing with guns please!) and would be very grateful if you could help.

Fair and Funky Conference—a message from Helen for our newsletter

Some of our young people joined schools from across the region at an inspirational Fairtrade conference last week. We took part in workshops to discover the importance of Fairtrade in which we tasted chocolate, drove a truck, wrote poetry and made our own Fairtrade flowers. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part in active learning with leading practitioners. You can find out more at www.fairandfunky.com/the-fairandfunky-fairtrade-conference/

Easter Family Trail (with free Easter Egg! Easter Saturday)
There's a great family activity for **Easter Saturday, 31st March from 10.00 -2.30pm** in the village. It starts on the **Greenway** and finishes at **St James Church**. Follow the clues and learn the Easter story – and there's a big Easter egg to claim for the first 100 children who complete the Trail. It's perfect for all the family especially those children in Primary schools. There'll be refreshments at St James – and the chance of a moment of Easter stillness and a **Forest Church** activity!

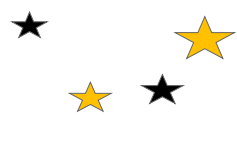
School Dinners

Please make sure that you pre-pay your child's dinner money on Parent Pay to avoid going into arrears. Please be reminded that there's a maximum arrears of £20 which should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Once this limit is reached, your child will not be able to order a school dinner until the debt has been cleared.

Dates For Your Diary

Further dates will be added as term progresses.

Fri 22nd Mar - Last day of term
Mon 8th Apr - School reopens for Summer Term
Mon 8th Apr - Year 5 Bikeability programme begins
Wed 24th Apr - 1st Neiley Race (KS2—details TBC)
Mon 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday (school is closed)
Mon 13th May - Key Stage 2 GPS tests
Tues 14th May - Key Stage 2 Reading SAT
Wed 15th May - Key Stage 2 Maths SAT (papers 1 & 2)
Wed 15th May - 2nd Neiley Race (KS2—details TBC)
Thurs 16th May - Key Stage 2 Maths SAT (paper 3)
Wed 22nd May - 3rd Neiley Race (KS2—details TBC)
Wed 22nd May - Class photographs in school
Thurs 23rd May - Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo
Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - Half term holiday



From little sparkles to shining stars, we Stand Out, Break Out and Shout Out to give us the confidence and skills to grow our Christian values and make a difference.



Wed 3rd July - Class 7 school trip to Tolson Museum
Thurs 4th July—Class 8 school trip to Tolson Museum
Tuesday 11th June - Science sound workshop (Class 10)
Thursday 13th June—Sports Day
Tuesday 18th June - Science sound workshop (Class 9)
Thurs 20th Jun - Year 4 visit the Sports Barn all day
Week Beginning 24th June—Year 6 performance nights
Fri 5th July - School Summer Fair (details and times TBC)
Friday 12th July—School reports published
Fri 19th July—Year 6 leavers' assembly to parents (9:30am)
Fri 19th July - school closes for the summer holiday
Wed 4th September 2024 - School reopens

Cost of Living

Remember that if you would like regular updates and support on ways to help this winter in the face of the cost of living crisis, you can sign up for the latest information direct to your email at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Wellbeing Links

<https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>
<https://www.nhs.uk>
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/mental-health/index.aspx>
<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>
<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>
<https://www.mind.org.uk>
<https://www.annafreud.org>
<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>
<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>
www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Attachments

We attach flyers and information sent to us by external businesses promoting events and activities which you may find useful. All attachments can be found on the school website [here](#).

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