



Headlines

Summer Term 1, Week 7

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Good afternoon everyone; I hope you're well and looking forward to the upcoming half-term. We've been very busy here in school, and I'd say the children are ready for a break. There are some attachments to this week's newsletter detailing some available activities in case your child's week isn't already jam-packed full.

This week our Year 4 children have visited Chester Zoo (fun had by all and a special mention for the children whose behavior was outstanding whilst representing our school in Chester). Year 6 have completed their tests, so well done - I know everyone tried their hardest, so we're certainly proud of all the children (I think there's a performance to look forward to in the near future...). This week we welcomed the parents of our new September Starters! I can't quite believe how quickly this comes around each year, but a warm welcome (or welcome back) to the families of next year's Reception classes.

This afternoon we will celebrate the half-term's Shining Stars and then I wish you all a wonderful week away. Stay safe, have fun and I'll see you in week's time.

Shining Stars

Well done to this half-term's shining stars:

- Reception: Bella and Olivia
- Year 1: Zac and Arlo
- Year 2: Eva K. and Theo D.
- Year 3: Jude & Molly
- Year 4: Ethan & Orla
- Year 5: Laibah & Hannah
- Year 6: Matilda R. & Maisie Q.

Eco Schools Update

This week we invited Class 6 parents and grandparents to see what Year 2 have been up to in our school Butterfly Garden. Vashti from Grow 2 Schools organised games around recycling, garden pests and vegetable families. Mrs Pearson provided a super growing quiz and each family got to take home some seeds, a wildflower bomb and some planted salad. Thank you to the grownups who did a great job weeding the Butterfly Garden, it looks amazing! We can't wait to welcome Class 5's grownups on Tuesday 4th June.

Eco committee Clothing Swap

The Eco Committee, Year 6 and Julia Roebuck will be holding a child's clothes swap on Thursday 4th June, after school. We will be asking for children's clothes, aged 4-13, including school uniform. Our children are learning the global importance of reusing and repurposing, and clothing and fashion have an enormous detrimental impact on the environment. Please come along to support and we'll provide more details soon.

People Who Help Us - Rural Wildlife Police Officer Visit

On Wednesday morning Foundation stage had a visit from the

Rural Wildlife Crime Officer, PC Newsome and PCSO Payne, as part of their topic of People Who Help Us. PC Newsome told us about how the police help us in various ways and showed us all the equipment that helps her do her job - Mrs. Myers and some of the children even got to pretend to be arrested and put in handcuffs!

She also showed us lots of different cuddly British wildlife and talked about being kind to all animals. The children really enjoyed the visit and PC Newsome hopes it will inspire the next generation to take care of the natural world.

Class Teachers for 2024-25 Academic Year

We welcome Miss Jebson to the team for the new year. She will work alongside Mrs. Myers in Year 3. We welcome Mrs. Mitchell back into Year 6 to work alongside Miss. Drake and Mrs. Osborne also returns to her role as EYFS leader.

Reception: Mrs. Wimpenny and Mrs. Osborne

Year 1: Mrs. Taylor and Miss Pyke

Year 2: Mrs. Taithe/Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Stocks/Miss. Varley

Year 3: Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Jebson

Year 4: Mr. Aspey and Mrs. Aspey

Year 5: Mr. Davies and Mrs. Watson/Miss Ellis

Year 6: Mr. Baseford and Miss. Drake/Mrs. Mitchell

Children will find out their new classes next half term and we will ensure they have the opportunity to meet and work with their new teachers over the course of the term to ease any transition worries.

Are you noticing changes in your child's behavior and mood at home?

Kirklees Keep in Mind website is full of useful information, support and tips to try and guide you through tricky times: [I'm a parent/carer - Kirklees Keep in Mind \(kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk\)](https://www.kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk)

In recent years we have also been in touch with parents concerned about the rise in aggressive behaviors demonstrated at home outside of school hours. If you are concerned about rising levels of aggression in your children there are some helpful tips on the Kirklees Keep in Mind website:

<https://www.kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk/resources/aggressive-behaviour-in-children/>

I have included the fact sheet with attachments this week.

Repurposed Laptops for Sale.

Information will be sent out to you about some laptops we are selling. They have been in use by the children in school but have been replaced with newer models. They are in good full working order and all proceeds will come back into the school budget. The cost per laptop is £50.

If you are interested in buying one, please follow the instructions sent out via School Spider.

Parental Survey 2023-24

- 93% of parents feel their children are safe at school, with less than 1% feeling their children were not
- 96% of parents believe their children are taught well in school
- 86% of parents feel their children are treated fairly most or all of the time, with no one feeling their children were never treated fairly
- 94% of parents felt that most children behaved well in school some or all of the time (2% of parents felt behavior in school was not good in school)
- 92% of parents felt the school offers a wide breadth of curriculum experiences
- 92% of parents were confident their child had made progress this year
- 96% of parents felt confident approaching the school
- 94% of parents felt school supported their child's personal and emotional development
- Only 1% of parents expressed that their children were not happy at school
- 87% of parents felt we responded well to concerns, with only 1% feeling school did not respond well
- 90% of parents felt their child's school was well led and managed (with 9% feeling this was the case some of the time)

What do we do with the results of the Parental Surveys?

At the end of each year school looks at the assessment data across each year group; updates its school evaluation and evaluates its development plan; considers parent and pupil attitudes surveys as well as responding to any local or national requirements. From this, we formulate our next School Development Plan, the targets of which will be shared with you early in the new school year.

School Meal Price Increase

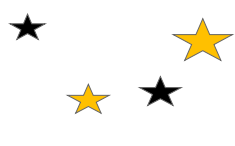
From the **second Autumn Half-term**, Kirklees have confirmed that there will be an increase of 20p in the price of school meals.

Sunscreen

After a couple of sunny days earlier in the half-term, we have had a few parents enquiring about the use of sunscreen in school. I'd like to request that parents apply sunscreen to children first thing, this should last until lunchtime. However, if you feel sunscreen is necessary for your child through the school day your child:

1. **Must** be capable of applying it by themselves.
2. Sunscreen **must** be a roll on application.
3. **Must** not contain potential allergens such as Almond Milk. Any sunscreen brought into school **must** be shown to the class teacher to double check its contents with classroom allergies.

If you believe your child requires sun cream in school, you will need to come to reception and complete a **sun cream in school form** and confirm that you are meeting the above requirements. If you have already completed a sun cream form, you will not need to do this again.



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.



Support our PSA

Would you like to support our amazing PSA Team in raising money for our school? We have a dedicated team of parents and staff who arrange fundraising events such as Christmas fairs, summer fairs, disco and much more. All money raised is used to purchase much needed IT equipment, books and many other things. We really need more support from volunteers to keep these events and projects going.

To find out more go to <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/psa/51519> or contact Sarah Heywood at slheywood89@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kane Academy

Martial arts is unlike any other activity because personal development is at the core. It's a fantastic discipline that builds self confidence, fitness, friendships and can help reduce stress and anxiety. Kane Academy is offering a free trial to new members. [Click here](#) to book a free trial.

Musica Kirklees Application Forms for September 2024

If you have enquiries about vocal/instrumental tuition for your child through Musica Kirklees, you can apply online by clicking here:-

[Online Application Form - Musica Kirklees](#)

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

www.myhappymind.org

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

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<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.tripleparenting.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

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Eco-Schools

Dates For Your Diary

Further dates will be added as term progresses.

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - Half term holiday

Fri 7th June - Year 1 assembly to parents, 9:10am

Tuesday 11th June - Science sound workshop (Class 10)

Wed 12th June - 3rd Neiley Races (KS2 - details TBC)

Weds 12th June - Science sound workshop (Class 9)

Thurs 13th June - Year 4 assembly to parents, 2:30pm

Friday 14th June - Sports Day

Thurs 20th Jun - Year 4 visit the Sports Barn all day

Weds 26th June - Year 6 performance 1, 7:00pm

Thurs 27th June - Year 6 performance 2, 7:00pm

Wed 3rd July - Class 7 school trip to Tolson Museum

Thurs 4th July - Class 8 school trip to Tolson Museum

Fri 5th July - School Summer Fair (details and times TBC)

Sat 6th July - Meltham Memories

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

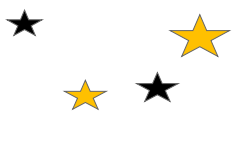
Wed 4th September 2024 - School reopens, 08:45am

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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