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**Newsletters are usually emailed out weekly to parents on a Friday. These letters contain lots of information about events coming up in school, dates for diaries, policy reminders and changes. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please let Mrs Crosson know so that we can rectify this.**

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all had a fantastic Summer, we were lucky to have some lovely weather which should have helped. Staff have been working on their classrooms and planning activities over the summer and the children have settled quickly into their new routines. The children all look very smart and there is a lovely buzz in school of happy, busy people.

This term we welcome Miss York back from maternity leave and are delighted to have Mr Drake teaching in Chestnut.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Harris on the birth of George Vincent on Sunday. Mother and baby are both well and settling into life as a family. We look forward to meeting George soon.

Curriculum newsletters and class booklets have been sent home this week, giving information about the topics for the term and routines within the class. If you have any further questions, teachers are always happy to help and are available at the end of the school day.

We are advertising for a part time administrator to work 3 days a week in the school office. All details are available on the school website under Job Vacancies.

### **World of Work – PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!!**

We are very keen for the children to hear about all sorts of different jobs, for them to consider their future work opportunities. If you are willing to come into school to talk to a group of children about your work, please see your child's teacher.

#### **Learners of the Week**

#### **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates this week:

Willow -	Esme Scrafton	Willow Class
Birch –	Jasper Smith	Oliver McPherson
Chestnut -	Nicholas Owen	Chase Henderson
Elm –	Finlay Ayre	Ruby Jones
Oak -	Tyler Oyston	Jude Burnett

Well done to Albie Mack and Martha Kay on the presentation of their pen licences.

### **Achievements outside of school:**

Well done to Albie Mack and Dougie Plant who participated in the Tees Pride 3k Run on Sunday. It was a very warm day for running and they did brilliantly!

Daisy Kay has achieved her Level 3 Swimming and 10 metres Awards. Well done Daisy!

Jemimah Khan received a medal for her super netball work over the holidays. Well done Jemimah!

Lucas Hickson showed us a trophy for qualifying in ballroom dancing for the Blackpool competition. Well done Lucas!

Chase Henderson has earned a medal for riding 10 miles on his bike. Well done Chase!

### **Only One You**

As usual, we have started the year with an art and growth mindset focus. The children across school have read the book 'Only One You' and have designed their own fish rock. We are planning to use all the fish to create a 'pond' in the school grounds.

### **European Day of Languages**

We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages once again on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Children are invited to dress in the colours or theme of a European country for the day. Each class will be choosing a country to focus on and will have activities around that country throughout the day, feeding back to the rest of the school in assembly.

### **After-School Activities and Instrument Lessons**

You will have received a letter about After School clubs. After school clubs will start on Monday.

Conyers Go Music are also continuing to offer lessons during the school day to children in Key Stage 2 in cello, flute, brass and drums, which are delivered at Kirklevington. Letters are available from the school office to sign up for instrumental lessons at a cost of £37 a half term (£222 a year). Discounts are available for siblings.

Music Works also deliver keyboard and pennywhistle lessons. A demonstration of this for children is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, with letters available for children who wish to sign up.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club continues to flourish. Mrs Pederson, Mrs Newton and Miss Cameron are running Breakfast Club, which is in the School Hall. There is a lovely atmosphere as you walk through the room. Prices are 7.45-9 - £4 or 8.30-9 - £2. Let Mrs Crosson know if you would like your child to attend for regular sessions or one-off occasions.

### **Cycle Coaching**

We are fortunate to be able to offer a number of opportunities for children to develop their bike riding skills this term in school. Our Reception children will be able to access 2 Learn to Ride sessions with Wheel Education over the next 2 Fridays. Nursery will be having 5 Balance Bike sessions from the 21<sup>st</sup> September, following their success last year. Year 6 will also be participating in the Level 2 Bikeability sessions from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October, to ensure they are safe riding out on the road.

### **Parent Volunteers**

We are always keen to have parent volunteers in school. If you are able to volunteer any time to hear children read, help with art and baking activities, or use any other skills which you have, please get in touch.

### **Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still eligible for a free school meal. There is no need to apply for this, you just need to let us know if your child changes from school meals to packed lunches.

As you will not need to apply for this, it is important that if you would have been eligible under the old scheme that you apply, as school receive extra funding to support your child in school. I have attached a letter detailing eligibility to this letter.

### **Packed Lunches**

Can I please remind parents that we are a “nut free” school, so packed lunches should not contain any nut related products. This is for the safety of children who may have nut allergies. As part of our Healthy Schools status, our policy states that packed lunches should not contain chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. Packed lunches should not include any thermos flasks, due to safety and supervision issues.

### **Bikes and Scooters on the Playground**

I have reminded children that they should not ride bikes or scooters in the playground, due to the number of people in this area. I would appreciate it if you could help to remind them before and after school. We do have racks for children to keep their bikes and scooters in both playgrounds and do not want to discourage them from riding to school.

### **Dinners and Milk**

School dinners continue to be free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The cost of school dinners for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) is £2.05 per day, £10.25 per child per week. The amount for the half term is £79.95 per child (please make cheques payable to Conyers School). If your child is in Reception or KS1 and would like to have milk next half term the cost will be £3.90 (please make cheques payable to Conyers School).

### **Holidays in Term Time**

Attendance is really important in school as research shows a strong link between attendance, performance and life chances. Last year Kirklevington Primary School achieved 95.5% attendance, slightly below the national average for the first time in many years. The attendance of every child in school is monitored by ourselves and the Local Authority, if they fall below the national expectation of 95.3% which is the equivalent to 9 days. Please consider that if your child is ill and you take them on holiday during term time, their attendance can drop to low levels and they are missing teaching time.

In line with our Attendance Policy, I will be unable to authorize any holidays which are not exceptional circumstances. Leave of Absence forms are available from the school office and you are requested to explain as fully as possible and attach any evidence of the exceptional nature of your request.

### **Supporting Children with Medical Conditions**

In line with statutory guidance, prescribed medication can be administered in school and this must be provided in the original container, complete with a pharmacy label showing the child's name, dosage instructions and any relevant storage instructions. If your child does need to have medication administered in school you will need to complete the 'Administration of Prescribed Medicines in School Consent Form' and hand it in with the medication to Dawn in the school office. Our policy and forms are available from the school office, or can be downloaded from the website.

Can parents please ensure that medication in school is in date.

With Best Wishes,  
Justine Moralee , Head Teacher

### **Friends of Kirklevington**

The Friends have a WhatsApp group. If you would like to join please see Emma Hutchinson or Lynda Ayre.

## Dates for the Diary:

### September

- 7<sup>th</sup> am Wheel Education Learn to Ride sessions for Reception (2 weeks)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 3:15-4:15pm After School Clubs start
- 12<sup>th</sup> pm The Secret Garden production for KS1 and 2 in school
- 14<sup>th</sup> am Crucial Crew Trip Year 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> 1:15pm Cross Country Competition Years 3,4,5 and 6 at Conyers School  
3:15pm Conyers Challenge weekly sessions start for invited children
- 21<sup>st</sup> International Day of Peace  
am Wheel Education Nursery Balance Bike sessions
- 26<sup>th</sup> European Day of Languages (children dress in colour or theme of European country)  
1:15pm Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Conyers
- 27<sup>th</sup> School Council Elections

### October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> am Year 3/4 Rugby Skills Festival
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 Circus Skills Workshops (with Parent Activity session and lunch for Nursery and Reception)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9:10am Harvest Festival with collection for Food Bank in School Hall (Parents Welcome)
- 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Robinwood Residential
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Campaign Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:30pm Parent Consultation
- 23<sup>rd</sup> NSPCC Assembly  
3:30-5:30pm Parent Consultation
- 24<sup>th</sup> Tempest Individual Photos
- 26<sup>th</sup> pm Flu Immunisation Rec, Y1,2,3,4 and 5

### 27<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Half Term

### November

- 9<sup>th</sup> Oak Parent Activity Session
- 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Stay Safe Week

### December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> am Decorate the Christmas Tree
- 4<sup>th</sup> Elm Parent Activity Session with Lunch
- 6<sup>th</sup> Chestnut Parent Activity Session with Lunch
- 11<sup>th</sup> Birch Parent Activity Session with Lunch
- 12<sup>th</sup> am Reception – Year 6 Trip to Arc – Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street
- 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch (if your child is usually packed lunch and would like to swap for the day let Dawn know)
- 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Nativity
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Nativity  
pm KS2 Party
- 20<sup>th</sup> am Nursery Party  
Pm Reception/KS1 Party
- 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Jumper Day  
am Church Service  
pm Music performance/Carols in the Hall (Parents Welcome)

### 22<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Holidays

### PD Days

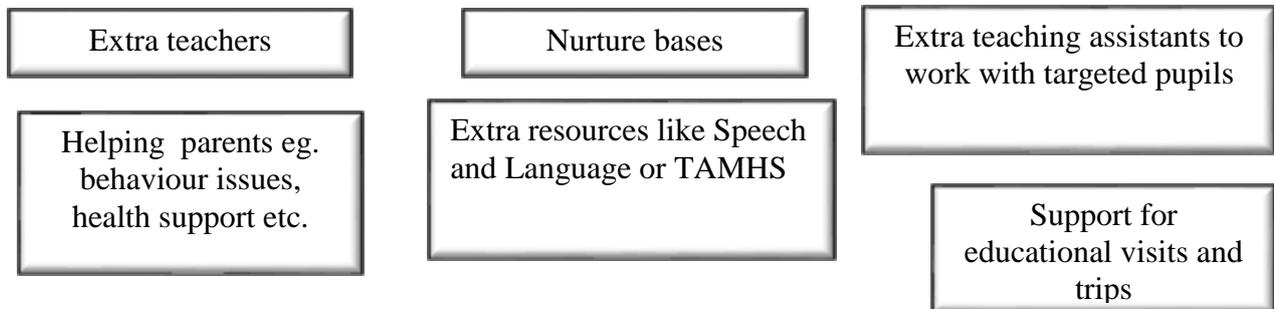
We have planned 3 out of 5 of the PD Days for next academic year:

September 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have two more PD Days to be arranged.

## Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium grant is currently worth £1,320 per child to every school in the country. We want Stockton's schools to receive as much of this grant as they can.

Schools must use the Grant to make sure that children who are able to receive free school meals do just as well, and make as much progress, at school as children who don't. In this way, the grant improves opportunities for all children in school. For example, in the past the Grant has been spent on:



Each school must decide how best to spend the money on its pupils though. The amount of money each School gets depends on the number of children who attend the school and who are registered for free school meals. **Please note schools receive the Grant when children are registered for free school meals. Children don't necessarily have to eat free school meals. So, please don't be put off...**

**To be able to get free school meals, you must get one or more of the following Benefits– either now or at any time in the last 6 years.**

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

If you get one or more of these Benefits, either now or at any time in the last 6 years, please let us know and we can advise you on applying for free school meals eligibility, even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage One. If you apply by January, school will be able to attract this funding from April.