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NEWSLETTER: 21

10th March 2023

Spring Term Dates:

Wednesday 4th
January—Friday
31st March

School Times:

8.45a.m—3.15p.m.

Doors open:

8.45a.m—8.55a.m.

Nursery:

AM: 9am—12pm

PM: 12pm—3pm

Remaining PD Days:

Thurs 20th July
2023

Dear parents and carers,

This week, the children in Willow Class have been superbly behaved, moving out of their classroom to allow for a new kitchen to be fitted. The children have told us they are looking forward to baking chocolate cake everyday!



A huge thank you to Mrs Sangster, one of our Governors and grandparent of Rosie and Georgia, who is coming in each week, helping to label and organise the books in our school library, in Elm Classroom.

Mrs. Crowther and some of the FROKS team, Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Watson and Ms Gunn have also been in School to help set up and have donated items.

RRSA—Rights Respecting School

As a Gold Level 'Rights Respecting' School, the children learn lots about children's rights, with a focus on:

- Well-being
- Participation
- Relationships
- Self-esteem

Article of the month:
March

The right to a name and
nationality.





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National Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) are continuing with planned strike action, which will take place across dates in February and March. This strike action is in response to a national dispute between the union and the Government related to teachers pay, school funding and recruitment. Whilst Kirklevington Primary will be directly impacted by this strike, this action is not against the school or The 1590 Trust.

Wednesday 15th March

At present, all classes will be open as usual on these dates, and we will be unaffected by National Strike Action.

Thursday 16th March

BIRCH CLASS

Regarding the other planned strike dates, I expect that Birch Class will be closed to children on Thursday 16th March.

The exception to this will be any child who is:

- On the SEND register;
- Pupil premium (registered free school meals);
- Open to social services;
- Parents are key workers and are both at work during the school day.

Children meeting this criteria will have adult supervision in school on that day and may come to school.

We apologise for any inconvenience. In the event that strike action does not go ahead, school will be open as normal.

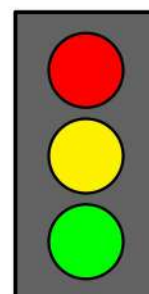
All other classes will be open as normal on Thursday 16th March and attendance is expected.

Parking at the car park next to the field

Stockton Borough Council will be placing three-way traffic lights on the A67 at the junction to the new development next to the school field, to control traffic flow in and out of the site.

The car park down Pump Lane will be still accessible, however the exit route will mean queueing traffic outwards, due to the temporary traffic lights.

This is expected to last approximately 3 weeks.





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Coffee Morning to support SEND families

We are hosting a coffee morning, with Stockton Parent Carer Forum.

Stockton Parent Carer Forum is made up of 12 volunteer parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, aged 0-25 years.

They work in partnership with service providers, sharing their knowledge and experiences of families, to co-produce services to create better outcomes for children, young people and their families in Stockton-On-Tees.

Stockton Parent Carer Forum volunteers are hosting a coffee morning for parents of SEND children, whether on the SEN register, with a diagnosis, or a concern of SEN.

Please feel free to pop in, have a chat, pick up some information and have a cuppa!

Venue: Kirklevington Primary School Hall

Date: 28th March

Time: 9.15am – 10.15am



Dame Susan Hill: Books for school

We were delighted that author Dame Susan Hill supported school this week by donating a £250 Amazon book voucher for us to use on books!

This followed her twitter campaign, where schools were asked to nominate themselves for new resources. Thanks to Miss Horsley for signing us up, we are looking forward to using the books!



Achievements

We love to celebrate any extra curricular activities that your child has been doing out of school! Please email Kirklevington@kirklevington.org.uk.



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A big well done to Georgia and Sophia in Birch Class who have both completed their Stage 2 swimming badges and Georgia getting her 5m!

Great work girls, keep it up!



Alex L in Elm won at the Pony Premier two weeks ago and came 1st in a class of 100 children in the U14 category, last Saturday. Fantastic!

Well done to Arthur C, in Birch, who was awarded a trophy for showing good sportsmanship at football. Excellent!



Red Nose Day—Friday 17th March

The theme this year is ‘Dress for joy’. Children may come to school in something that makes them feel joyful! This could be bright clothing, non-uniform or costume but please make sure this is something appropriate for playing and warm enough for outdoors.

We are a cashless school, so we request all donations to Red Nose Day are made on Arbor—see shop.

Easter Hat Parade—Thursday 30th March

We will be completing our annual Easter Hat Parade around Kirklevington Village on Thursday 30th March, at 9.15am—weather dependent!

All children from Acorn to Oak are invited to make a hat at home and bring it in to wear on the day. Parents of Acorn class are invited to walk with us.

More information will follow about our route.









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Team Points

Well done to Mars and Saturn who both won the team point trophy this week!

Teams		Team Captains 10/03/23
Mars		Henry W
Neptune		Oscar C
Saturn		Eli W
Earth		Isaac R

Attendance and Class of the Week!

Whole school attendance is 95%. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays, unless circumstances meet our exceptional criteria, and that both parents will be referred to attendance which may result in a fine for 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) or more, per child, within 6 weeks.

‘Class of the Week’ celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat that they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Birch class this week!**

Y6 SATS will be held May 9th to May 12th, 2023 and we expect children will be in school during this period.

Best Attendance

Willow	2
Birch	4
Chestnut	2
Elm	2
Oak	5



March Birthdays

Happy birthday month to: Theo C, Hattie G, Lily H, Lillia H, George Ke, Tiger-Lilly M, Oliver McP, Logan P, Anastasia S, Lousha S, Samuel S and Alice W.

Stars of the week—Be Respectful, Be Safe

Willow	The whole of Willow
Birch	Isabella L
Chestnut	Lillie S
Elm	Eli W
Oak	Tani O



Learners of the week—Be Ready

Willow	Archie L
Birch	Rebecca D
Chestnut	Benjamin Y
Elm	Alex L
Oak	Hattie G



Star Writers

Willow	Charlotte P
Birch	Isla G
Chestnut	Samuel Y
Elm	Flora A
Oak	Osian H



Head Teacher's Award:

Ava I in Willow for always working hard and being an excellent role model to others.



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**Willow and Acorn Class completing their phonics, using
Little Wandle and in the new library area and the snow.**





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Birch class have been working on their racket skills and learning to hold a Ukulele, playing C Major and A minor with Mr Rutherford.





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**Mrs Burns and Miss Cameron took Birch children outside
to make a Snowman!**





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Acorn has had a busy week exploring ‘Signs of Spring.’ They’ve been thinking about where seeds come from, counting them and learning about what they need to grow. They also enjoyed the snow on Friday!





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Chestnut class out in the snow.





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Elm class enjoying working together to make a snowman.





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On Friday, we rescued a pigeon with a broken wing. We named him Percy, gave him some food and took him to a lady who will look after him.



Mothering Sunday Church Service





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Spring Term: Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.

Date	Event
13th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
14th March	Primary Dance Festival—Dance Club
15th March	Elm—Music at Conyers
16th March	Birch class closed due to Strike day— see exceptions on page 2
17th March	Red Nose Day— Dress for joy!
20th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
21st March	New to Nursery—taster session
22nd March 9.10am	Birch Class Assembly—parents welcome
22nd March	Oak Microbit workshop rearranged
27th March	Y6 After School Weekly Booster Session
27th March	Y1 Birch and Reception visit to Teesmouth
28th March	Coffee morning for SEND parents: 9.15am
29th March	RLNI Assembly and workshops for Birch and Chestnut
30th March	Easter hat parade 9.15am
31st March	Non-uniform and Treat day for Mrs. Lewis’ last day
3rd—14th April	Easter Holiday
17th April	Return to school after the Easter break



Winter Weather

When the icy mornings are upon us, we grit the main routes around school. Please take care and stick to the main paths. Please see our gritting plan below, which shows the gritted route.

There is also a copy in the main entrance.



If we do experience extreme weather/a lot of snow, we may close the gate onto the large playground and have everyone come through the main entrance side of the building. We will notify parents if this is the case.

