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'Be ready, be respectful and be safe'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas songs are going around and around my head as I write this newsletter as we are well and truly within the festivities of the season. The brilliant performances are taking place, the tree is up and the festive cheer is here to stay - as long as the snow stays away, please!

Our fundraising for the playground improvements is well underway as, together, we raised a fabulous £750 at the Christmas Craft Evening, so thank you again and well done to all involved. Staff are now busy with the next fundraiser and are selling raffle tickets for the Coloured Hampers which will be raffled off before Christmas. (I'm hoping I might win one of these as they sound fantastic!)

Instead of having an Advent calendar this year with our pupils, I have been hiding gold stars around school for the children to find. It has created quite a buzz around the place! Once the child has returned the star to me, they receive a treat to take home and enjoy. It's just a bit of fun to share in the season of Advent and waiting for Christmas.

Christmas parties are planned to take place next week and, as in previous years, we would be grateful of a £1 donation towards our Christmas parties. This can be paid for on Arbor and will support us with buying food, drinks and prizes for the celebrations. On the day, children may come dressed in party clothes. Please ensure clothes and shoes will be suitable for outdoor play. Teachers will plan for children with allergies – please discuss any concerns you have directly.

13.12.23 – EY Christmas Party (Acorn & Willow)

15.12.23 – 1:30pm: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party (Elm & Oak)

18.12.23 – 1:30pm: Y1, Y2 & Y3 Christmas Party (Birch & Chestnut)

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas as we approach our holiday time and hope that you all enjoy spending time together with your loved ones making happy memories.

Best wishes, Mrs Peacock

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education.

Diary Dates up until Christmas:

5.12.23 – 2:15pm: Reception, Y1 & Y2
Nativity

6.12.23 – 9am: Reception, Y1 & Y2
Nativity

07.12.23 – 9:15-12: Y2 & Y3 at Billingham
Forum for the Fe Fi Fo Fum Pantomime

08.12.23 - 2:15pm: KS2 Christmas Carol
Service (hall)

11.12.23 – 2:15pm: KS2 Christmas Carol
Service (hall)

13.12.23 – EY Christmas Party

14.12.23 – Elm Class out all day at the TVMS
Snappy Christmas (Thornaby Pavilion)

9.30-12: Reception & Y1 out at the Arc
watching, "Well Done, Mummy

15.12.23 – Christmas Dinner

1:30pm: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party

18.12.23 - 1:30pm: Y1, Y2 & Y3 Christmas
Party

19.12.23 – *Christmas Jumpers Day in school
& our last day before Christmas*

Return to school – Thurs 04.01.2024





*Happy Birthday to
all our December*

birthdays!

Noah B (5th)

Ted S (16th)

Ava I (19th)

Oscar L (25th)

Ruby R (28th)

Archie S (30th)

Harrison



SAVE THE DATE!

08.1.24 – 2pm: Parents of children in Birch will be invited to share in an activity with their child

11.1.24 – 9am: Parents of children in Elm will be invited to share in an activity with their child

18.1.24 – 9am: Parents of children in Chestnut will be invited to share in an activity with their child.

24.1.24 – 3:30pm:
Fundraising meeting in school with Friends of Kirklevington School

Spring term Parents' Evening Consultations:

Monday 12.2.24 or
Thursday 15.2.24
(3:30-5:45pm both nights)

Details about all of these activities and others will follow nearer the time.



Attendance

Each week in Celebration Assembly, we celebrate the class with the highest weekly attendance and the class with the most Attendance Certificates at the end of the year receive a prize. Our whole-school attendance is currently **96.5%** (for statutory aged children). Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays, unless circumstances meet our exceptional criteria. 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. Y6 SATS will be held May 13th to May 16th 2024 and we expect children will be in school during this period.

After-School Clubs: Spring 1 2024

Monday: Martial Arts; **ArtiKids**

Tuesday: **Wheelchair Basketball (Y3-Y6 only)**;
Young Archaeologists

Wednesday: Multi-sports

Thursday: Forest Schools; DF Coaching

Friday: Dance

New clubs still to be confirmed. Places can be booked through Arbor from Monday 11.12.23. Spaces for some clubs are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Raffle tickets are on sale for the **Coloured Hampers**. Tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 18.12.23 in assembly.



Congratulations to our Kirklevington Primary Superstars!



Wow! What an achievement!

Noah is travelling to Chelsea on Friday with Middlesbrough Academy Football Club to play in a tri-tournament against Chelsea and Swansea.

It's a big deal for the academy and Noah because they usually don't invite teams from the north to play against them, so being selected to play against them is fantastic! They will also be playing at Chelsea's training ground, which will be a fantastic experience for them.

Noah has been at the club 3 years this year and this is the first time anything this big has been offered to them. He's worked unbelievably hard in this time and is the club's number 1 goalkeeper.

*Good luck, Noah & his team!
We'll be cheering you on!*



Wildcat of the Week! (Two weeks in a Row!)



A big shout out to Fern for being voted the Wildcat of the Week by TIBS in her session not just once, but twice! Fern is doing amazingly well and improving her movement, dribbling and shooting week on week. Well done, Fern!

Keep working hard and aiming high – you're going places!

