



Headlines

Autumn Term Week 2

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Good morning

Good morning everyone and I hope you are looking forward to the weekend. We have had a super week in school and today we have welcomed the final group of Reception children. It feels like a full, and almost *normal* happy school.

By the end of today, you should all have received (or be about to receive) your class news letters from the teachers. These will give you an idea of what is going on over the course of the term in class. I know it's a busy time for receiving information, so we'll do our best to keep it as minimal as we can, but as you know... there's a lot to pass on! By next Friday, you will also have received an introductory presentation for each year group to let you know any additional information. If you have not received either of these things, please contact the class teachers by email.

Purple Mash

If your child's class accesses their homework through Purple Mash, or if your child receives a positive COVID result, you will still need to access work via Purple Mash. The passwords and login details are the same as last year, so you should have no trouble logging on. If you do have any problems however, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher by email and they can sort this out for you. Reception children will receive details for Purple Mash in due course.

National Flu Campaign

This Autumn school term your child will be offered a flu vaccination in school. The vaccination this year is being offered to all school aged children from Reception to Year 11 as part of a national health campaign to protect vulnerable people including young children from flu this Autumn and Winter.

Please click the link to complete the consent form within 7 days, you will need the following code for your child's school 107718

<https://www.locala.org.uk/services/immunisation-service/flu-vaccination-south-kirklees>

It is important that you complete the consent form whatever your decision so your child can be included in the school session or removed from our list to ensure no further follow up is made.

School Spider Upgraded

You should have received a message earlier this week about updating your School Spider account. By doing this you will regain access to survey's and parent's evening bookings (TBC). If you get a 'credentials' error

message, it's probably because you are using the wrong username. Please use either the password reset button or create a new account button on the login screen. This will take you through the process of resetting your password. Once this is reset you then need to login using your user name that is noted on the reset email password and not your email address. If you still have problems, please email nicola.kinsey@kirkleeseducation.uk.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 5th October, the Pennine Sports Partnership are holding a cross country competition for KS2 and a fun run for KS1 children at Neilly Fields from 4:30—5:30 pm. Next week, Mrs. Turner (and Mr. Fox with Year 6) will be holding trials for years 3—6 for the year group teams. The trials will be on their PE days so they will not need extra kits: Y3 on Monday, Y4 on Wednesday, Y5 and Y6 on Thursday. Good luck!

Staff news

We welcome new staff to the team this year so a big warm welcome to Rebecca Lewis who joins us as an HLTA working with our Key Stage 2 children in Art and to Kristie -Leigh Charlton who has joined our Reception team/ I know both are going to be wonderful additions to the school!

Look what we've been part of!

During the summer term, lots of the children worked with artists Sarah Branson and Leilah Vyner to create wonderful and eye-catching pieces of art. The Art in the Woods installation can be viewed New Mill community garden



over the weekend and the willow sculptures can be found at Sands Recreation Ground in Holmfirth as part of Art in the Woods. Some of the art will be returned to us so we can put in on display here at school. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be able to be a part of these projects.

It's good to grow reminder

In school, Mrs. Pearson has signed us up for the Morrisons "It's good to grow project." For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything they need to continue our growing projects. Download the My Morrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens Don't forget to add Meltham CE Primary as your chosen School! (you could also ask grandparents and other relatives to support us too!)

Questions about Remote learning, how we continue to minimise the risk of COVID in school and what ifs...

The school website hosts the latest Remote Learning Plans and Risk Mitigation documents if you have any queries on school's approach to COVID infection. Everything you need to know can be found here.

As you will be aware, we are no longer closing bubbles and sending contacts home. Identifying contacts is now the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. As you know, if your child has symptoms and is awaiting a test, they should not be in school. If they test positive, they should isolate for 10 days and follow NHS guidance. If you let us know, school will then ensure your children have access to the work they need (details can be found on the Remote Learning Plan).

I will no longer be sending contact children home, or closing classes. It is education and emotional wellbeing first. However, should there be multiple cases in a single class that could be linked to school, I will of course inform parents and take advice from Infection Control and Emergency Planning before imposing any short term mitigation measures.

COVID has not gone away. It is in our community and our infection rate is higher than the Kirklees average. If your child is displaying symptoms (a temperature, continuous cough or loss of taste/smell), please seek a PCR test and help us to keep COVID out of the school. If you have questions or queries or would like advice, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank a lot for reading and have a great weekend.

Mr. Gibbins