



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Families

By the skin of my teeth, here is my April Newsletter! With the Easter Break and a shorter month, I'm quite amazed that we are already coming to May. We had a great few days Holiday Club over the break – thank you to families for supporting us with this. If there is interest, I will look into running some days over the May Half Term Holiday too. Please use the link below to book if you would like a place. It has been a wonderful return to school this week and great to see children happy and learning in school together. Although a shorter half term this time, we are looking forward to May bringing lots of exciting things for families and children. We will be having our next Brilliant Books Week from the 23rd May for 'Art Week' and have a Family Jubilee celebration planned for the afternoon of the last day. Find out more below! Mrs. Waddington.

Jubilee Celebration

On the last day of the half term, with the support of our amazing Friends of Birdsedge Group, we are holding a Family Celebration for the Platinum Jubilee here at school. Formal invitations will be sent next week from children but we aim to provide a family party 2pm – 4pm on Thursday 26th May here at school and would love parents and families to join us. There will be Maypole and other performances from children, games, a raffle and a "Bake Off" Competition with a prize on the day. Tickets will be available to buy on Parent Pay and all money raised will go towards the work we need to reinstate our Pond and nature area for children to enjoy and learn in, in school. Look out for my letter and your invitations next week for more info!

Inclusion and SEND

Kirklees SEND Local Offer have arranged several drop in sessions around Kirklees for parents to speak with the team and find out any information SEND related.

Friday 29th April: Birkby and Fartown Library 2pm – 4pm

Friday 6th May: Dewsbury Library 11am – 2pm

Tuesday 10th May: Birstall Library 1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 11th May: Kirkburton Library 1pm – 3pm

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 11th May – Friday 13th May: Class 3 Residential

Tuesday 10th May: Key Stage 1 Cross Country Run Shelley College 4.00-5.00pm

Wednesday 4th, 11th 25th May: Neiley Races KS2 Honley 4.40-5.30pm

Tuesday 17th May: Yr 2-5 Cycling Event Scissett Middle School 4.00-5.00pm

Thursday 26th May: Family Jubilee Celebration and last day of the half term. School returns **Tuesday 7th June.**

Clubs

Here are the Clubs for this half term, 3.30-4.30pm, spaces available in all:

Tuesday: Science Club

Wednesday: Multi Skills

Thursday: Street Dance

Friday: Bush Craft

Tree Tots every Wednesday morning
9:30am – 10:30am

Starting in June 'Family Fit'

Wednesday Mornings before school.

Free School Meals

https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education
[Apply for free school meals](#)

Did you know that if your children have Universal Infant Free School Meals you can still submit an application if you are entitled to Free School Meals. This is helpful to school and can provide us with more funding for children. The form only takes 10 minutes, and its contents are entirely confidential.

HD8 Network

Just a reminder of the HD8 Network we have joined and a great article here about our Tree Tots sessions:

[Birdsedge Tree Tots - HD8 Network](#)

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>

<https://birdsedgefirst.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Forest Friends

If there is enough interest, I will be running some holiday club days Monday – Wednesday in the next half term holiday. Use the link here to book.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8kUk1vtWvp>

