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Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well.

It has been a really busy half-term with lots of fun activities taking place. We have been thrilled with the way all of the children have settled back into 'school life'. The children have been eager and keen to come into school and learn.

Head Teacher Recruitment

As a part of the rigorous recruitment process for a new Head teacher the short-listed candidates will spend Wednesday 20th October in school. The day will comprise of a number of activities with the children and the staff. The Governing Body will let all parents know the outcome of this process in due course.

Parent Governor / Community Governor

This term one of our parent governors, Lynsey Beattie, made the difficult decision to resign from her position on the Governing Body. I would like to personally thank Lynsey for all of her work and support for the school throughout the pandemic. Last month a letter was sent to all parents about this vacancy on the Governing Body. I am pleased to announce that April Little was nominated to join the governing body, as our second Parent Governor. We also have available a Community Governor position which can be also be held by a parent, family member or anyone with an interest in education and in particular the community of Kirkbride. Please get in touch with Janice Hedworth, Chair of Governors via Janice.hedworth@kirkbride.cumbria.sch.uk If you would like to discuss this role or if you know of anyone interested in this position. This is a crucial turning point in the school's journey and having all vacancies taken on the Governing body will support the new Head Teacher in leading the school forward into the future years. This is your chance to have your say!

After-School and Breakfast Club Leader

I am pleased to inform you that Christine Stamper has been appointed as the new Breakfast and After-School Leader and will begin her contract on Monday 1st November 2021. After half term both the clubs will run every day. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Stamper into school as a member of staff. Miss K. Stamper will leave her position on Friday 22nd October and we wish her lots of luck for the future.

Group work and tutoring – Mrs Minns

After half-term we will welcome Mrs Minns back into school who will be working with small groups of children in Elm and Oak to support their learning.

Tempest School Photos

If you would like school to process your school photos order, please send the money and the order in the sealed Tempest envelope into school by Friday 15th October or you can order and pay directly on the Tempest website.

Playground climbing frames / equipment

Please can we ask that children do not play on our climbing frames before or after - school. This includes pre-school age children. The children are given lots of opportunities to climb and explore the equipment during school hours when they are supervised by school staff. Thank you for your support with this matter.



National Poetry Day

Thank you to all families and children who supported our National Poetry Day – ‘Poetry Slam’ – you can view the staff poems and class poems on our school website.

Congratulations to our winners of the ‘Poetry by heart’ competition, who received a special prize:

Acorn Class – Daisy

Ash Class – Kay

Elm Class – Jack

Oak Class – Ashley

Winning class – Ash Class

Charity Events After half-term we will be taking part in a number of charity events. Please can I reinforce that purchasing charity merchandise is completely optional. The merchandise will be taken to each class during the week for your child to buy. All of the children will learn about each charity.

Date	Event
Shoe boxes will be collected on Monday 15 th November	Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes. (Leaflets have been put in your child’s bag)
1 st November – 11 th November	Poppy Day Sales – Poppies, ruler, keyrings etc. From 50p-£1.00
15 th November – 19 th November	Children in Need – Wristbands £1 each.

National Online Safety Website / app

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we as a school have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety, providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- **Online Relationships**
- **Fake Profiles & Social Bots**
- **Online Bullying**
- **Online Grooming**
- **Child Sexual Exploitation**
- **Sexual Harassment & Violence**
- **Sexting**
- **Live Streaming**
- **Online Identity**
- **Screen Addiction**
- **Online Challenges**
- **Overspending**
- **Social Media Platforms**
- **Online Gambling**
- **Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism**
- **Age Inappropriate Content**
- **Copyright & Ownership**
- **Hacking**
- **Fake News**
- **Online Fraud**
- **Online Reputation**
- **Personal Data**
- **Pornography**
- **Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups**
- **The Dark Web**
- **Games & Trends**



To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/kirkbride-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at

<https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

Half term-holiday

School will finish on Friday 22nd October and will re-open after the week's holiday on Monday 1st November 2021 (continuing our staggered entry and exit times).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

