



Kirkburton Middle School - Parent Bulletin

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Word from the Head

Welcome to our fortnightly parent bulletin, I hope you and your family are well.

As we end our fifth half-term of the year it finally feels like summer may be on the way. Despite the gloomy weather over the past few days and weeks, things have been decidedly bright in school.

Once again, I would like to congratulate all our pupils on everything they have achieved over the past couple of weeks. The atmosphere in lessons has been extremely purposeful and it has been really pleasing to see pupils raising their game in response to the 'KMS' way – please see the letter from Mrs Kerr and Mr MacIntyre for more details.

It has been an absolute pleasure watching pupils play so nicely during their social times in recent weeks. Whilst the split lunch break system has brought us a number of challenges in terms of logistics, the additional space it has created for children to play has been a real positive.

Parent forum

Last week we held our final parent forum meeting of the year – thank you to those who attended. Among the items discussed were; home school communications, behaviour at KMS and homework. The quality of

discussion was excellent and it was really useful to get a parental perspective on aspects of school policy and practice. We will relaunch the parent forum in the autumn term for those who would like to join next year.

Can you help us?

We are always looking for people who can volunteer to support the work of the school; this may be directly or indirectly. We are currently looking for people who can help with the following-

- 'Friends of Kirkburton Middle School' – we are looking for people to work in partnership with the school to support and enhance our children's learning. This group will support with school events and plan fundraising opportunities.
- School garden – we are looking for volunteers who can help in our school garden and support our very popular gardening club.
- Fundraising and sponsorship – can you provide any advice to the school in this area in order to support and enhance facilities not covered in the school budget?

Covid – 19

As you will be aware, rates of infection are on the rise again in parts of Kirklees. We are aware that some of our first schools have had to close bubbles and want to avoid this situation again at KMS. We will continue to promote the message of hands, face, space and fresh air, and ask that families do the same.

Subject of the fortnight

Thank you to the PE department for their very comprehensive subject of the fortnight contribution. Well worth a read.

Planner Competition

As I write, Mrs Aaron and Mr MacIntyre are judging our competition to design the front cover of our pupil planner next year. We were delighted to receive 68 entries and the standard was extremely high. The winning entry will be announced very shortly.

Finally, thank you as always for all your ongoing support and I hope you have a very enjoyable (and dare I say sunny?) bank holiday weekend and half-term break.

Mr Taylor

SLT Praise

Starting next half-term, every week our form teachers will nominate a pupil from their group for SLT praise. The pupil may have gone `above and beyond`, shown kindness to others or been consistently hardworking in lessons. They may have excelled in Sport or Music, shown tolerance and understanding or have acted maturely in difficult circumstances. The Head of Year and a member of SLT will then spend time with the 6 pupils in the year group and celebrate what they have done. No fuss, no certificates, just that recognition for our pupils who deserve to know how impressed we are. We will also phone home to share the good news with parents.

Given they now only have seven school weeks left with us, we have started proceedings a little prematurely with year 8. We are delighted to announce our first pupils to receive SLT praise.

8A	Emily W
8B	Brooke R
8C	Zak H
8D	Mollie C
8E	Phoebe F
8F	Teddy H

Well done all.

Mr MacIntyre

Careers

Please see the Careers competition below.

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School Dinner increase

Please note from September 2021 school lunches are increasing to £2.35.

Lost property

Please note we have several coats in lost property, if your child has lost a coat please ask them to come to the school office tomorrow. Many thanks

School Safeguarding Contacts

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Kirklees Support Services

Thriving Kirklees

Health Care advice, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support, Healthcare Signposting

www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk

0300 304 5555

Northorpe Hall – Kirklees

Children’s mental and emotional health service

www.northorpehall.co.uk

01924 492183

Kirklees Children’s Services

Safeguarding Services

www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk

01484 456848

Services for young people

Thriving Kirklees

Chathealth – Text message services for young people – direct link to School Nurse

07520618866

Childline

www.childline.org.uk

0800 1111

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www.nspcc.org.uk

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Please see the following information regarding clubs during the half-term



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