



Kirkburton Middle School – Parent Bulletin

9th – 20th March 2020

Whole school notices

Caythorpe Court (PGL) Adventure Weekend (Friday 10th to Sunday 12th July), Year 6 and 7 Pupils.

A place has become available for the weekend visit to Caythorpe Court

PGL Adventure is the leading provider of activity courses for schools and youth groups in the UK. Indeed, a number of Kirkburton pupils may have had the opportunity to experience PGL Boreatton Park whilst at First School. The purpose of this visit to Caythorpe is to give pupils exciting opportunities, quite often new, to develop physical skills in challenging situations and to nurture important social skills, such as trust, responsibility, teamwork and leadership. The pupils will leave school at 1:00 pm on **Friday 10 July** and will return at 8.30 pm on **Sunday 12 July 2020**. The total cost of the trip will be **£175.00** and this includes

- Transport to and from Caythorpe Court
- All meals (except travelling to the Centre)
- Instruction and use of equipment
- Insurance

Anyone interested should report to the office for a letter. In line with payments made so far an initial payment of £100 will need to be made.

Maths (Year 6)

With SAT's fast approaching could you please continue to encourage your child to keep using TT Rockstars, a little and often, (three times a week for ten minutes is ample.) We have found this makes a huge difference to pupils mental skills and ability to work quicker if they are confident with their times tables, forwards and backwards. Many thanks – The Maths Department

Sport Relief Friday 13th March

Next week is Sports Relief. On Friday 13th March pupils can wear sporty clothes e.g. football/sports kit/tracksuit, please bring £1.00. There will be a variety of sporting activities throughout the week including the Sports Mile and a Penalty Shoot-out. All proceeds are to the Sports Relief Charity. Many thanks.

Wednesday – Year 6 can buy Biscuit/Carton £1.00

Thursday – Burtons as usual

Friday – Year 7 & 8 can buy Biscuit/Carton £1.00



Gas supply update

Work has started on replacing part of the gas supply pipe to the school. Unfortunately, the contractors estimate this work could take up to a week to complete. School will remain open whilst the work is completed and all classrooms are perfectly warm. The kitchen will offer as much hot food as they can at lunchtime given the circumstances. Please contact school with any questions.

As a result there will be no cooking during Food Technology for Year 7 & 8.

Attendance week 16th - 20th March

Our first ever Kirkburton Middle School attendance week is just around the corner. Mr MacIntyre will launch the attendance week with pupils in assemblies next week where he will be discussing the importance of having the best possible attendance with our pupils. We are hoping that we might well set some new records and encourage every pupil to think about their attendance and the impact that it will have on their future life.

During the course of the week we will keep in touch to let you know how we are getting on.

Corona virus

The school now receives daily updates from the Department of Education in relation to the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We will continue to act on the advice given by the experts, especially in relation to the two upcoming school trips abroad. The key message remains that personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Please see the government website for more details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Parent Forum- Thursday 12th March 6pm

Thank you to those parents who have informed the office that they will be attending the upcoming parent forum. We look forward to meeting you then.

Year 6

PE Specialist Equipment:

We do not want to make the cost of PE kit any more expensive than it has to be but it is **strongly advised** that the following additional equipment is purchased for the pupils to use throughout their three years at KMS.

Shin Pads: Football and Hockey

Gum Shields: Hockey and Rugby (*Y7 and 8 only when the contact element is introduced)

Football Boots: For Rugby and Football.

This Half Term (up until the Easter Break)

Year 6:

Quick Sticks Hockey (Boys first lesson of the week and Girls second lesson of the week)

Year 7:

Hockey (Girls first lesson of the week and the boys from 7B, 7D and 7F the second lesson of the week)

Year 8:

Hockey (Girls first lesson of the week). Boys Rugby in Y8 the second lesson of the week.

If children are not wearing shin pads and gum shields they will still take part in PE lessons but could be more prone to injury in the unlikely event that a hockey stick catches them on a shin or the ball bounces up in to the air. Can we please squash the rumour that pupils will be given a negative on class charts or detention if they do not have this equipment. Activities/Games may have to be modified if the recommended equipment is not worn.

Sporting Celebrations

Netball

The Y7 and Y8 girl's netball teams were in action again at All Saints. The girls have trained really hard all winter but unfortunately not had many games to play. Their attitude and enthusiasm has been spot on though. This comes across in their play but unfortunately lack of match practice means they are not quite at their peak. Both games were very close and only 1 net separating the teams in the Y8 game and 2 in the Y7 game, both after taking the lead early on. Please see twitter.com/kmssportsclubs

Football

Year 7 – well done 1-1 against Salendine Nook on 4th March, Jake J scored.

Chill Factor

What an amazing two evenings we had there - six hours of skiing and the progress of the total beginners to skiing down the main slope from the top was so encouraging to see. The children had such a good time, they were asking to go again next week! They can wait until Italy... The instructors were full of compliments as to their attitude, enthusiasm and resilience, we were proud to be there with them. More pictures and videos can be found at twitter.com/kmsvisits

Dean L in Year 8 won a gold medal last weekend at Judo Excellence in Hebden Bridge. He won all of his three fights with ipons. He will now compete at West Yorkshire judo competition and possibly represent KMS in the National Schools competition in Sheffield in the summer. Well done Dean.

Music Celebrations

Congratulations and well done to Poppy F who took part in the Mrs Sunderland Music Festival, singing 'In my own little corner' from Cinderella. 'A very charming performance, diction was good and communication of the sense was impressive. Pitch was very secure'. (Adjudicators remarks)

Further Music News: Congratulations to Melissa M in Year 7 who took part in the Mrs Sunderland Music Festival singing with Honley Girls Choir. They sang two songs, 'Sing' and 'Some things are meant to be'. They were awarded SECOND place. Well done, Melissa.

Further Music News: Congratulations to Georgia P (Year 7) who took part in the Mrs Sunderland Music Festival in the Disney section for the Vocal solo, singing 'Colours in Wind' from Pocahontas. Georgia was awarded THIRD place. Well done.

World Book Day

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, all students have enjoyed a serialised Victorian Ghost Story entitled 'Let Loose', with one part being read to them during every lesson of the day.

Just like all the best TV serials, the story was left on gripping cliffhangers leaving students desperate for the next exciting installment.

This opportunity to appreciate writer's craft will undoubtedly help students with the development of important creative writing skills. We look forward to reading their own fantastic fiction.

National Careers week

This week all students experienced Careers in the Curriculum Starters in all their lessons and the Careers Lead did an assembly on the Labour Market referring in particular to the Future Goals booklet the students were all given.

On Wednesday 5th March, year 7 students received another opportunity to gain insight about the world of work. This time, it was the world of media and entertainment. Duncan Foster who works for ITV and has served as a director/scriptwriter for iconic programmes like Coronation Street, Benidorm and Emmerdale gave students exclusive access to his showreels, behind the scenes footage, professional scripts and interviews with actors. He held a question and answer session with the students at the end of the talk. As a school, we were very lucky to have him in school. We thank him for his time, dedication and giving the students this opportunity.



Term Dates – 2020/21

Monday 7th September 2020 – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 8th September – All pupils in school

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Friday 27th November – Staff Training Day

Monday 21st December 2020 – Friday 1st January 2021 - Christmas holiday

Monday 4th January 2021 – Staff Training day

Tuesday 5th January – All pupils in school

Monday 15^h – Friday 19th February – Half Term

Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April – Easter holiday

Monday 12th April – Return to school

Monday 3rd May – May Day holiday

Friday 14th May – Staff Training day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June – Half Term

Friday 23rd July 2021 – Last day for pupils

Monday 26th July 2021 – Staff Training Day



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

